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An Act To Maintain the Amount of State Land That Is Open for Hunting

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1833, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Hunting. The bureau may not reduce the total number of acres of nonreserved public lands open to hunting to less than the total number of acres available for hunting on those lands as of January 1, 2008. If nonreserved public lands are closed to hunting for any reason, the bureau must open another comparable parcel of land within the jurisdiction of the bureau for hunting.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1847, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Hunting. The bureau may not reduce the total number of acres of reserved public lands open to hunting to less than the total number of acres available for hunting on those lands as of January 1, 2008. If reserved public lands are closed to hunting for any reason, the bureau must open another comparable parcel of land within the jurisdiction of the bureau for hunting.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the number of acres open to hunting on reserved and nonreserved state lands may not be reduced from the total number of acres available for hunting on those lands as of January 1, 2008.