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## **An Act To Allow the Change of Location of a Licensed Large Game Shooting Area**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** statutory limitations on the number and location of licenses for commercial large game shooting areas restrict the opportunity for current licensees to change the location of existing facilities to provide improved service to the public; and

**Whereas,** this limitation constitutes an impediment to economic development in the State that should be removed as soon as possible in order to have a prompt, positive impact on the State's economy; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1342-C** is enacted to read:

### **§ 1342-C. Change of location of licensed commercial large game shooting area**

A person holding a license for a commercial large game shooting area under section 1342 or 1342-A may apply to the commissioner for permission to change the location of the licensed area. The commissioner shall approve the change in location if the applicant demonstrates that the old location of the commercial large game shooting area will be discontinued and that the new location meets all of the applicable requirements of the section of law under which the original license was approved.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill permits a person holding a license for a commercial large game shooting area to change the location of the shooting area if the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources determines that the old location will be discontinued and the new location meets the applicable requirements of the law under which the original license was approved.