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An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday with the Landowner's Written Consent

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2003, c. 511, §1 and affected by §3 and c. 614, §§9 and 10, is further amended to read:

9. Possession of hunting equipment on Sunday. Possession of hunting equipment in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice in the State on Sunday is prima facie evidence of a violation of section 11205, unless:

- A. The hunting equipment is carried, securely wrapped, in a complete cover;
- B. The hunting equipment is fastened in a case; ~~or~~
- C. The hunting equipment is carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that it can not be fired, unless the separate pieces are joined together. For the purpose of this subsection, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm may not be considered a piece of the hunting equipment. Bows and arrows must be kept in a case or cover if broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows; or
- D. The person has the written consent of the landowner to hunt on Sunday on that landowner's property.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Written consent. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday on a landowner's property with the written consent of the landowner.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a person to possess hunting equipment on Sunday on a landowner's property if the person possessing the equipment has the landowner's written consent to hunt on that property. The bill also allows hunting on a landowner's property on Sunday with the landowner's written consent.