**An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping**

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

**Sec.** **1. 20-A MRSA c. 447** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER** **447**

**HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATIONAL SHOOTING AND TRAPPING** **COURSE**

**§****12993.** **Hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping course required**

The University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System shall offer a for-credit course about hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping. The course curriculum must include educational instruction on the historical and contemporary roles of a North American model of wildlife conservation and a national system of conservation funding and the effects that hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping have on fish and wildlife management. The course curriculum must include a field component appropriate for the season in which students are able to gain hands-on experience with mentors on hunting, fishing, recreational shooting or trapping. The course curriculum must satisfy the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's approved firearms hunter safety course. The University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System shall work with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish the necessary course components.

**§****12994.** **Rulemaking**

The Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to offer a for-credit course about hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping.