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An Act to Protect Young Deer Hunters by Prohibiting Wild Turkey Hunting During Youth Deer Hunting Day

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LANDRY of Farmington, SHAW of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11701, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 599, §13, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The commissioner may establish open seasons for hunting wild turkeys, designate
5 areas that are open to the taking of wild turkeys in any part of the State, prescribe the form
6 and regulate the number of permits to be issued, determine the number and sex of the birds
7 to be harvested, establish bag limits, establish permit eligibility requirements, establish
8 legal hunting times, specify the types of weapons to be used during any open wild turkey
9 hunting season and make any other rules that the commissioner considers necessary for the
10 protection of the wild turkey resource. The rules must permit the use of a crossbow during
11 an open season for hunting wild turkey as established by the commissioner. The rules must
12 prohibit hunting wild turkeys during the youth deer hunting day established pursuant to
13 section 11402, subsection 4, paragraph C.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill prohibits hunting wild turkeys during youth deer hunting day.