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An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting for Small Game and Wild Birds

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

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

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

4 **9. Possession of hunting equipment on Sunday.** ~~Possession~~ Except as provided
5 under section 11205, subsection 1-A, possession of hunting equipment in the fields or
6 forests or on the waters or ice in the State on Sunday is prima facie evidence of a
7 violation of section 11205, unless:

- 8 A. The hunting equipment is carried, securely wrapped, in a complete cover;
- 9 B. The hunting equipment is fastened in a case; or
- 10 C. The hunting equipment is carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner
11 that it can not be fired, unless the separate pieces are joined together. For the purpose
12 of this subsection, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm may not be considered a
13 piece of the hunting equipment. Bows and arrows must be kept in a case or cover if
14 broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows.

15 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and
16 amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §137 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

17 **1. Prohibition.** ~~A~~ Except as provided in subsection 1-A, a person may not:

- 18 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday; or
- 19 B. Possess any wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of paragraph A except as
20 otherwise provided in this Part.

21 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

22 **1-A. Exception.** A person may hunt small game and wild birds on Sunday in
23 wildlife management districts as determined by the department by rule pursuant to section
24 10104.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill provides for Sunday hunting of small game and wild birds.