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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 216, L.D. 307, Bill, “An Act To Exempt Persons Who Have Served in the Armed Forces from the Requirement To Take a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Exempt Persons Who Serve in the Armed Forces from the Requirement To Take a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11105**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. D, §7 and c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**§11105. Safety course**

**1. Hunter safety course requirements.** ~~A~~ Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who applies for a Maine license to hunt with firearms other than a juvenile license must submit proof of having successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in section 10108 or an equivalent hunter safety course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult license to hunt with firearms in this State or any other state, province or country in any year beginning with 1976.

When proof of competency can not otherwise be provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult hunting license or that the applicant has successfully completed the required hunter safety course.

**2. Hunter safety course exemption for certain members of armed forces domiciled in State.** A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is permanently stationed outside of the United States and home on leave is exempt from hunter safety course requirements under subsection 1 if that member shows proof at the time of application for the license that that member's home state of record, as recorded in that person's military service records, is Maine. A person who no longer meets the

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1 conditions for an exemption under this subsection must satisfy the requirements of  
2 subsection 1.

3 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11106**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 203, §§1 and 2, is further  
4 amended to read:

5 **§11106. Eligibility for archery hunting license**

6 **1. Age requirement.** A person is eligible to obtain an archery hunting license as  
7 provided in this section.

8 A. A resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has satisfied the  
9 requirements of subsection 2 or holds an apprenticeship hunter license, or who is  
10 exempt under subsection 3, may obtain an archery hunting license to hunt with bow  
11 and arrow from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent.

12 B. A resident or nonresident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age may  
13 hunt with bow and arrow if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

14 **2. Archery hunter education requirements.** ~~A~~ Except as provided in subsection 3,  
15 a person who applies for an archery hunting license other than a junior hunting license or  
16 an apprenticeship hunter license must submit proof of having successfully completed an  
17 archery hunter education course as described in section 10108 or an equivalent archery  
18 hunter education course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult  
19 archery hunting license issued specifically for the purpose of hunting with bow and arrow  
20 in this State or any other state, province or country in any year after 1979.

21 When proof or evidence can not be otherwise provided, the applicant may substitute a  
22 signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult archery hunting  
23 license or has successfully completed the required archery hunter education course.

24 **3. Archery hunter education course exemption for members of armed forces**  
25 **domiciled in State.** A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty  
26 who is permanently stationed outside of the United States and home on leave is exempt  
27 from archery hunter education course requirements under subsection 2 if that member  
28 shows proof at the time of application for the license that that member's home state of  
29 record, as recorded in that person's military service records, is Maine. A person who no  
30 longer meets the conditions for an exemption under this subsection must satisfy the  
31 requirements of subsection 2.

32 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11106-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 203, §3, is  
33 further amended to read:

34 **1. Big game license.** A resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has  
35 satisfied the requirements of subsection 3 or who is exempt under subsection 4 and who  
36 holds a valid big game license or an apprenticeship hunter license may obtain a crossbow  
37 license to hunt with a crossbow from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized  
38 agent.

39 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11106-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

40 **4. Crossbow hunter education course exemption for members of armed forces**  
41 **domiciled in State.** A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty

1 who is permanently stationed outside of the United States and home on leave is exempt  
2 from crossbow hunter education course requirements under subsection 3 if that member  
3 shows proof at the time of application for the license that that member's home state of  
4 record, as recorded in that person's military service records, is Maine. A person who no  
5 longer meets the requirements of this subsection must satisfy the conditions for  
6 exemption under subsection 3.'

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### SUMMARY

8 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill,  
9 exempts active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who are stationed  
10 outside of the United States and home on leave from having to take a hunter safety course  
11 to obtain a hunting license.