

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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S.P. 279 - L.D. 781

**An Act To Expand Turkey Hunting Opportunities**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §4, is further amended to read:

C. A resident small game hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older, which permits hunting for all legal species except deer, bear, ~~turkey~~, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is \$14.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶¶G and K**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §2, are further amended to read:

G. A nonresident small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, ~~turkey~~, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is \$74.

K. An alien small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all species except deer, bear, ~~turkey~~, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is \$79.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11155, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §11, is amended to read:

**1-A. Eligibility; license required.** A person who possesses a valid license to hunt big game or small game may obtain a permit to hunt for wild turkey from the commissioner or an authorized agent.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11701, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 387, §3, is amended to read:

B. A person to hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.—~~This paragraph is repealed August 1, 2016;~~ and

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11701, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 387, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Fall seasons.** Beginning with the ~~2014~~ 2016 fall open season, the commissioner shall establish by rule ~~a 2~~ 2 fall open ~~season~~ seasons for hunting wild turkeys. Unless the commissioner determines that sound management principles require otherwise, the rule must establish ~~a 2~~ 2 fall open ~~season~~ seasons that ~~includes~~ include the month of October and a week in the month of November and allow a person to take up to a total of 2 wild turkeys over both seasons regardless of sex without any additional fee for the taking of a 2nd wild turkey.

**Sec. 6. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.