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H.P. 291

House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

An Act To Allow the Use of Suppressors for Hunting Nuisance Wildlife

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 WOOD of Sabattus.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, LONG of Sherman, LYFORD of Eddington,
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, REED of Carmel, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senators: BURNS of
Washington, President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 C. Use for hunting or possess for hunting any firearm fitted or contrived with a
5 device for deadening the sound of explosion. This paragraph does not apply to:

6 (1) Military organizations authorized by law to bear arms or to the National
7 Guard in the performance of its duty; or

8 (2) The use or possession of such a firearm for the purpose of killing a wild
9 animal or wild turkey under the authority of section 12401 or 12402;

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill allows a person to use a firearm fitted or contrived with a device for
12 deadening the sound of explosion to kill wild animals or wild turkeys that are damaging
13 crops, orchards or property or harming domestic animals.