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H.P. 211

House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

An Act To Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs

(EMERGENCY)

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade, Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BLACK of Wilton, KINNEY of Limington, LYFORD of Eddington, MALABY of Hancock, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TUELL of East Machias.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation expands the area in which dogs may be trained for hunting 4 in this State; and
- 5 **Whereas,** the season for training hunting dogs begins July 1st, and this legislation 6 needs to take effect by that date in order that residents may take advantage of the 7 expanded training area this year; and
- 8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore,
- 12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 13 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c.
 14 588, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:
- C. A resident may train up to 6 dogs at any one time on bear from July 1st to the 4th
 day preceding the open season on hunting bear, except in those portions of
 Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9.
- 18 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 19 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 20 SUMMARY
- This bill removes the prohibition on training hunting dogs on bear in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9.