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An Act To Protect Shooting Ranges

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COREY of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, DOORE of Augusta, LYFORD of Eddington, MARTIN
of Eagle Lake, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PLUECKER of Warren, STANLEY of Medway,
Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11209, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 71, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Unless a relevant municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided
5 in ~~subsection~~ subsections 3 and 4 and sections 12401 and 12402, discharge a firearm,
6 including a muzzle-loading firearm, or crossbow or cause a projectile to pass as a
7 result of that discharge within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without
8 the permission of the owner or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that
9 building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; or

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11209, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

11 **4. Sport shooting ranges.** Unless otherwise prohibited, a person may discharge a
12 firearm on a sport shooting range as defined in Title 30-A, section 3011, subsection 1 that
13 is within 100 yards of a building if the sport shooting range was established and in regular
14 operation prior to the erection of the building.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows the discharge of a firearm on a sport shooting range that is within 100
17 yards of a building if the sport shooting range was established and in regular operation
18 prior to the erection of the building.