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An Act To Exempt Certain Veterans from Hunter Safety Courses

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 WALLACE of Dexter.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and
Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HANINGTON of
Lincoln, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TURNER
of Burlington, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11105, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §17, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Hunter safety course requirements.** Except as provided in subsection 2 or 3, a
5 person who applies for a Maine license to hunt with firearms other than a junior license or
6 an apprentice hunter license issued under section 11108-B must submit proof of having
7 successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in section 10108 or an
8 equivalent hunter safety course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held a valid
9 adult license to hunt with firearms in this State or any other state, province or country in
10 any year beginning with 1976.

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

14 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11105, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

15 **3. Hunter safety course exemption for veterans.** A veteran of the Armed Forces
16 of the United States is exempt from hunter safety course requirements under subsection 1
17 if that veteran provides at the time of application for the license that veteran's Armed
18 Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or its predecessor or successor
19 forms, or certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the
20 appropriate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the applicant's
21 military service and honorable discharge.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is exempt
24 from hunter safety course requirements if that veteran provides at the time of application
25 for a hunting license that veteran's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD
26 Form 214, or its predecessor or successor forms, or certification from the United States
27 Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces of the
28 United States verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge.