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### **An Act To Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Hunter Orange Clothing To Instead Wear Red**

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: McELWEE of Caribou, PARKER of South Berwick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARPENTER of Aroostook, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MAKER of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11203, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Religious opposition exemption.** A person may substitute articles of red  
4 clothing for the articles of hunter orange clothing required under subsection 1 if the  
5 person has a religious opposition to the wearing of hunter orange clothing.

6 **Sec. 2. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend rules.** The  
7 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend Rule Chapter 4: Hunting and  
8 Trapping to clarify that a person who has a religious opposition to the wearing of hunter  
9 orange clothing may substitute articles of red clothing for the articles of hunter orange  
10 clothing required by current law. Rules amended pursuant to this section are routine  
11 technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
12 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows a hunter whose religion prohibits the wearing of hunter orange to  
15 instead wear red. It also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to  
16 amend its rules to reflect this exemption.