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S.P. 249

In Senate, March 3, 2015

### **An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting for Coyotes in Northern Maine**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: BURNS of Washington, Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11161** is enacted to read:

3 **§11161. Hunting coyote on Sunday**

4 **1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise provided pursuant to this Part, a person  
5 may not hunt coyote on Sunday unless that person has a valid permit issued pursuant to  
6 this section.

7 **2. Eligibility; big game license required.** A person who possesses a valid license to  
8 hunt big game may obtain a permit from the commissioner or an authorized agent to hunt  
9 coyote on Sunday in the northern part of the State.

10 **3. Permit fee.** The fee for a permit to hunt coyote on Sunday is \$10.

11 **4. Penalties.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.

12 **5. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary for the administration and  
13 implementation of this section, including, but not limited to, rules to determine areas in  
14 the northern part of the State open to hunting coyotes on Sunday. Rules adopted pursuant  
15 to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
16 2-A.

17 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
18 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

19 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday, except as provided in section 11161;  
20 or

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill permits the hunting of coyotes on Sunday in the northern part of the State  
23 and sets the fee for a Sunday coyote hunting permit at \$10. It requires the Commissioner  
24 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to establish areas in northern Maine open  
25 to hunting coyotes on Sunday.