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House of Representatives, January 22, 2013

An Act To Allow a Junior Hunter To Shoot Any Deer on Opening Day of Hunting Season

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

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Presented by Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CROCKETT of Bethel, DAVIS of Sangerville,
DUNPHY of Embden, LONG of Sherman, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TURNER of
Burlington, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11401-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§11401-A. Junior hunter on opening day**

4 A person who possesses a junior hunting license may take a deer of either sex with a
5 firearm under supervision as required by section 11108-A or bow and arrow, if that
6 person is licensed under section 11403, subsection 1, on the first day of the regular deer
7 hunting season. The holder of the junior hunting license may not hunt deer after that
8 person has killed or registered one deer during the open season of that calendar year,
9 unless otherwise provided in law or rule, except that a junior hunter who possesses an
10 expanded archery permit as established by the department by rule or an archery hunting
11 license may take additional deer during the open archery season on deer pursuant to
12 section 11403, subsection 2 as authorized by the permit or license.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows a person who holds a junior hunting license to hunt a deer of any sex
15 with a firearm or bow and arrow on the first day of the regular deer hunting season, in
16 accordance with supervision guidelines and bag limit guidelines.