**An Act To Lower the Youth Hunting Age**

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

**Sec.** **1. 12 MRSA §11108-C, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 639, §6, is further amended to read:

**3.** **Junior hunter supervisor required.**  A ~~hunter~~ person who is at least 10 years of age and under 16 years of age may not hunt unless that person holds a junior hunting license and is in the presence of and under the effective control of a junior hunter supervisor, except that a person who is at least 14 years of age and under 16 years of age may hunt without being in the presence of or under the effective control of a junior hunter supervisor if that person has completed a hunter safety course established under section 10108 specific to the method of hunting authorized by the license. A ~~hunter~~ person who is under 10 years of age may not hunt unless that person holds a junior hunting license and is in the presence of and under the effective control of a junior hunter supervisor who remains at all times within 20 feet of that hunter.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows a person who holds a junior hunting license, has completed a relevant hunter safety course and is at least 14 years of age to hunt without being accompanied by or under the direct supervision of a junior hunter supervisor.