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An Act To Lower the Youth Hunting Age

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Mars Hill.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASON of Lisbon, ORDWAY of Standish, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, POULIOT of Kennebec, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

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

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

14 **SUMMARY**

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