

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 356

H. P. 274

House of Representatives, February 6, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Evidence of Illegally Hunting Deer.

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

12 MRSA § 2353, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1969, c. 425, § 36, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

During such time as it is lawful to hunt deer with firearms, the possession of any firearm in the fields, forests or on the waters or ice within Wildlife Management Units 7 and 8 of the State by any person who has already killed or registered a deer within that calendar year shall be prima facie evidence of hunting deer in violation of this paragraph, except that this sentence shall not apply to any person hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys, or hunting raccoons between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner, nor shall it apply to any person in possession of a .22 caliber pistol or revolver who is legally engaged in trapping.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Since it is a generally accepted fact that a reasonably small percentage of the deer hunters kill a large number of the deer which are harvested each year, and since there is growing public concern that the deer herd in certain areas may be over harvested, it is the intent of this bill to reduce hunting pressure on deer in heavily hunted areas by restricting many of the more efficient deer killers early in the deer hunting season.