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## 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

**Legislative Document** 

No. 139

S.P. 75

In Senate, January 8, 2025

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Pilot Program for the Electronic Tagging of Deer

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BAILEY of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec, NANGLE of Cumberland, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, EATON of Deer Isle, TERRY of Gorham, WEBB of Durham.

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish pilot program for electronic tagging of deer. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a pilot program for the electronic tagging of harvested deer. The department may establish parameters for the program, including the length of the pilot program, the designation of certain areas and registration stations where electronic tagging is permitted and any other requirements the department determines necessary. The department shall submit a report regarding the pilot program, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 3, 2025. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

11 SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a pilot program for the electronic tagging of harvested deer. The bill also requires the department to submit a report regarding the pilot program to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 3, 2025 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.