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H.P. 1127

House of Representatives, April 17, 2025

An Act Regarding Antlerless Deer Permits for Certain Agricultural Landowners

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation allows certain agricultural landowners to obtain one free antlerless deer permit beginning in the 2025 deer hunting season; and

Whereas, the deer hunting season is expected to begin September 6, 2025; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect in time to prepare for the start of the 2025 deer hunting season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

8-A. Agricultural landowner antlerless deer permits. A landowner that qualifies to hunt without a license pursuant to section 11108, subsection 1 and that applies for the antlerless deer permit lottery adopted by the commissioner pursuant to subsection 3 may be issued one antlerless deer permit at no cost. The landowner may apply for an additional antlerless deer permit through the antlerless deer permit lottery and pay the fee under subsection 9.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a landowner that qualifies to hunt without a license on certain land to be issued one antlerless deer permit at no cost.