

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 194

H. P. 561 House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Snow of Bluehill.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Closed Time on Deer.

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

Section sixty-one of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the fifth line thereof between the words "Cumberland, Kennebec" the word 'Hancock'; and by striking out in the eighth line thereof the words "counties of Hancock and" and inserting in place thereof the words 'county of' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 61. Closed time on deer in certain counties. There shall be an annual closed season on deer in the counties of Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset, from December first of each year to October fifteenth of the following year, both days inclusive; and in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York, from the first day of December of each year to the thirty-first day of October of the following year, both days inclusive, and in the county of Washington from December sixteenth of each year to October thirty-first of the following year, both days inclusive, except in game sanctuaries as established by law, where closed season is perpetual, during which said closed seasons, except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to hunt

any deer or have in possession any part thereof; and no person shall during the open seasons above named, except as hereinafter provided, kill or have in possession, more than one deer or part thereof. A person lawfully killing a deer in open season, shall have a reasonable time in which to transport the same to his home and may have the same in possession at his home in closed season.

Provided, however, that if a deer is found doing actual, substantial damage to any growing cultivated crops, the cultivator of such crops may kill the deer and may consume said deer in his own family but not otherwise; but he shall not pursue the deer beyond the limits of his cultivated land in which the damage is being done; provided, however, that whoever kills a deer in accordance with the provisions herein contained shall forthwith give notice in writing to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game of the fact of such killing and the character and estimated amount of damage done; whoever fails to give such notice shall in no wise be protected by the provisions hereof. Whoever shall cultivate any crops for the manifest purpose of killing deer under the provisions of this paragraph shall in no wise be protected thereby; and it shall be unlawful to place salt in any place for the purpose of enticing deer thereto. Any dead deer found in the woods not having a tag identifying the owner thereof shall be subject to seizure and confiscation by the department.'