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## CHAPTER 321

**BOW AND ARROW HUNTING**

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**§ 2501. Open season**

There shall be an annual open season from October 1st to October 14th in the Northern Zone as described in section 2353 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

There shall be an annual open season from October 1st to October 20th in the Central Zone as described in section 2353 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

There shall be an annual open season during the month of October in the Southeastern and Southwestern Zones as described in section 2353 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only, except that on the Island of Islesboro in Waldo County there shall be an open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow during the months of October and November of each calendar year. During the month of October any person hunting deer on Islesboro shall be licensed as provided in section 2502. During the month of November any person hunting deer on Islesboro shall be licensed in accordance with section 2401.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 108; 1955, c. 178; 1957, c. 392, § 27; c. 394, § 1; c. 429, § 46; 1959, c. 333, § 14-A; 1963, c. 285, §§ 2, 3.

**§ 2502. Licenses; tags**

An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to take deer under this chapter, the fee for which shall be \$4.25 for hunting deer by residents of this State and \$10.25 for hunting deer by nonresidents; except that such archery licenses shall also permit the hunting of such wild birds and animals which can be legally hunted from October 1st to October 14th of each calendar year in the Northern Zone, from October 1st to October 20th in the Central Zone and during the month of October in the Southeastern and Southwestern Zones. Archery deer tags shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags. If a person does take a deer with bow and arrow during the special season provided in section 2501, he is precluded from further

hunting for deer during that year. If a person does not take a deer with a bow and arrow during the special season provided in section 2501, he is not precluded from obtaining a hunting license for the regular open season.

Section 2401, subsection 1, shall not apply to archery licenses.

No resident under the age of 10 years and no nonresident under the age of 12 years shall hunt with bow and arrow at any time. Any resident between the ages of 10 and 16 and any nonresident between the ages of 12 and 16, who hunts deer under section 2501, shall purchase an archery license with the written consent of parent or guardian and shall be accompanied at all times while hunting by parent or guardian or an adult approved by parent or guardian.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 109; 1955, c. 76; 1959, c. 333, § 15; 1963, c. 285, § 4.

### § 2503. Equipment

Deer may be taken under this chapter only by means of hand bow and broad head arrow. The use of crossbow or set bow is prohibited. The strength of a bow shall be determined by flight of an arrow, each bow to shoot an arrow at least 150 yards. The arrow head shall be not less than  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch in width. No person shall use arrows with either poisonous or explosive tips. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting with bow and arrow.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 110; 1955, c. 156; 1957, c. 228; c. 392, § 28; c. 394, § 2; c. 429, § 47.

### § 2504. Applicability of provisions

Except as provided in this chapter, the provisions of chapters 301 to 335 relating to deer shall be applicable to the taking of deer with bow and arrow.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 111.

### § 2505. Registration

All deer killed under this chapter shall be inspected by a warden before being registered under section 2355. If the warden finds the deer to have been legally killed by bow and arrow he shall approve the deer for registration. If it appears to the warden that the deer was not legally killed with bow and arrow he shall seize the deer and prosecute the offender.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 112; 1963, c. 414, § 12-E.