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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Establishing a Uniform Open Deer Season.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 91, repealed and replaced.** Section 91 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**'Sec. 91. Closed time on deer in certain counties.** There shall be an annual open season on deer in each calendar year beginning the 21st day of October and ending the 30th day of November in each county of the State. All the rest of the calendar year, either before or after the open season, shall be a closed season on deer.

There shall be a continual closed season on deer on the Island of Mount Desert and all of Swan Island in the Town of Swan's Island, which last mentioned town is in the County of Hancock, and on Cross Island and Scotch Island, which last mentioned places are in Washington County, and in the Town of Isle au Haut, and the islands within the confines of the Town of Isle au Haut, which last mentioned town is in the County of Knox, and in game sanctuaries which have been established by law where the closed season shall be perpetual.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer after he has killed one during the open season of that calendar year.

There shall be a continual closed season on deer in the Town of Islesboro, located in the County of Waldo, except that it shall be lawful to hunt with bow and arrow in accordance with sections 108 to 112 during the month of October and the month of November of each calendar year.

There shall be a continual closed season on deer on the whole of Cranberry Isles, Hancock County.

There shall be a continual closed season on deer in the Town of Vinalhaven, Knox County, and the islands within the confines of the Town of Vinalhaven, until July 1, 1962.

During the closed seasons, except as otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful to hunt any deer or have in possession any part thereof; and except as otherwise provided, no person shall have in possession more than one deer or part thereof during any one season.

A person lawfully killing a deer during the open season may have the same in his possession during a closed season provided the deer has been properly registered in accordance with section 100.

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 and costs, which fine and costs shall not be suspended, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 108, amended. Section 108 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 108. **Open season.** There shall be an annual open season ~~during the month of October in Zone 1~~ **from October 1st to October 20th in all counties of the State** as described in section 91 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. During the month of October any person hunting deer on Islesboro shall be licensed as provided in section 109. During the month of November any person hunting deer on Islesboro shall be licensed in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ section 73.

~~There shall be an annual open season from October 1st to October 26th in Zone 2 as described in section 91 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.~~

~~There shall be an annual open season from October 1st to October 14th in Zone 3 as described in section 91 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.'~~

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, § 109, amended. The first sentence of section 109 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

'An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to take deer under sections 108 to 112, 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 ~~during the month of October of each calendar year in Zone 1, from October 1st to October 26th in Zone 2 and from October 1st to October 14th in Zone 3~~ **from October 1st to October 20th in all counties of the State.'**