

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Establishing a State-wide Open Deer Season  
for the Month of November.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2353, amended.** The first 6 paragraphs of section 2353 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 192 and the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs as repealed and replaced by chapter 500, both of the public laws of 1967, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**There shall be an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State during the month of November.**

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2501, amended.** Section 2501 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

**§ 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 during the month of October ~~in the Southern Zone~~ 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 and Swan Island in the Town of Swan's Island in Hancock 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 said islands shall be licensed

as provided in section 2502. During the month of November any person hunting deer on said islands shall be licensed in accordance with section 2401.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to establish a state-wide open deer season for the month of November as a conservation measure as the number of deer in Maine is gradually diminishing.