

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1250

H. P. 906

House of Representatives, March 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Porter of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Establishing a State-wide Open Deer Season for the First Three Weeks in November.

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 The first 6 paragraphs of section 2353 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 first 3 weeks 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~~ **last 3 weeks** 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 per-

son hunting deer on said islands shall be licensed in accordance with section 2401.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2502, amended. The first paragraph of section 2502 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to take deer **during the last 3 weeks of October** under this chapter, the fee for which shall be \$5.25 for hunting deer by residents of this State and \$15.25 for hunting deer by non-residents; the fee of 25¢ to be retained by the issuing agent ~~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 and during the month of October in the Southern Zone.~~ 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the deer hunting season to preserve the deer population of Maine.