

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Establishing a State-wide Open Season on Deer.

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 The first 6 paragraphs of section 2353 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 from November 1st to November 10th.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2501, amended. The first paragraph of section 2501 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2501, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 2501 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

There shall be an annual open season from October ~~1st to November 3rd for the year 1972~~ 22nd to October 31st 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 there shall be an open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow during the months of October and November of each calendar year.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 2502, amended. The first sentence of section 2502 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 46 of chapter 622 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to hunt deer under this chapter ~~from October 22nd to October 31st~~, the fee for which shall be \$6.50 for hunting deer by residents of this State and \$42.50 for hunting deer by nonresidents; the fee of 50¢ 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 24th for the year 1971 and from October 1st to October 22nd in the year 1972 in the Northern Zone and from October 1st to November 5th for the year 1971 and from October 1st to November 3rd for the year 1972 in the Southern Zone.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

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