

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 157

H. P. 134

House of Representatives, January 11, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for a State-wide Open Season on Deer for Residents and Nonresidents.

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 The first 6 paragraphs of section 2353 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 the last Monday of October to the 3rd Saturday of November for residents and from the last Monday of October to the 2nd Friday of November for nonresidents.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2355, sub-§ 1, amended. The last sentence of subsection 1 of section 2355 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13 of chapter 448 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

Said agent shall receive from the person registering a deer, if such person is a resident, the sum of ~~25e~~ 25¢ for each such seal to be retained by him; said agent shall receive from the person registering a deer, if such person is a nonresident, the sum of \$25.50 for each such seal, with 50¢ to be retained by said agent.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2501, amended. The first paragraph of section 2501 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 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 in the Southern Zone as described in section 2353~~ **the Saturday before the last Monday of October** 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. 5. 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 1st to the Saturday before the last Monday of October**, 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 impact of hunting pressure on a diminishing deer herd necessitates a shorter season on a state-wide basis rather than the 2-zone system now in existence. An increase on nonresident licenses discriminates on the working man. A tagging or trophy fee would be a payment on a tangible item and should be less distasteful.