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Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport (By request).

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Allow Growers to Protect their Crops Against Damage by Deer.

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

12 MRSA, § 2354, first sentence, as last amended by 1973, c. 562, § 9-A, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The lessee, owner, mortgagee or keeper of any orchard or growing crop, except grass and clover or the owner or occupier of land whereon said crops or orchard are located, may take or kill deer or other protected wild animals, except beaver or birds, night or day, on said land where substantial damage is being done by said deer or other protected wild animals to said orchard or crop.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to return to the previous statute that allowed crop growers the right of protection of crops against damage by deer or protected wild animals.