

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 998, L.D. 1261,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Penalties for  
Night Hunting."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the  
enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the  
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days  
after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the maintenance of a stable deer  
population is a matter of importance to the  
citizens of this State and to the State's  
recreational industry; and

Whereas, poaching of deer during the spring  
can lead to the death of pregnant does,  
which deaths in sufficient numbers can result in  
a significant decrease in the deer population; and

Whereas, the penalties provided in this bill  
will decrease the poaching of deer, and can thus  
prevent the death of many pregnant does and the  
decline of the deer population by poaching this  
spring, if these penalties become effective as soon  
as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
these facts create an emergency within the meaning  
of the Constitution of Maine and require the  
following legislation as immediately necessary for  
the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the  
end before the Statement of Fact the following  
emergency clause:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect  
when approved.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment, by adding an emergency preamble to the bill, permits it to take effect immediately upon passage, for reasons contained in the emergency preamble.

Filed by Mr. Usher of Westbrook.

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