

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 449

H. P. 356

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

On motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Permit Hunting of Deer within ½ Hour After Sunset.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2455, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 43, is repealed as follows:

~~Except that it shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals in the State from sunset to ½ hour before sunrise of the following morning, except raccoons, during the open season on deer hunting with firearms each year~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2455, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 516, § 17, is repealed as follows:

~~Any person convicted of hunting wild animals between sunset and ½ hour after sunset, during the open season on deer, shall be subject to the penalties as provided in section 3060~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove the prohibition on hunting between sunset and ½ hour after sunset during the open season on deer. The use of fluorescent orange clothing, now required by Maine law, enables hunters to remain visible to other hunters between sunset and ½ hour after sunset. Extending the permissible hunting period by an additional ½ hour also allows those persons who may work during daylight hours to hunt between sunset and ½ hour after sunset.