

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 6, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dow of W. Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning the Transportation of Legally Killed Deer.

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

**Sec. 1.** 12 MRSA § 2355, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, § 71, is further amended to read:

**A.** No person shall at any time in any manner move or transport any deer, or part thereof, unless open to view and there is securely attached thereto the deer tag portion of the hunting license **completely detached from that license and** bearing the name and address of the person who killed that deer and that deer shall be accompanied by him while being moved or transported, except otherwise provided in chapters 301 to 337.

**Sec. 2.** 12 MRSA § 2355, sub-§ 2, ¶ D is enacted to read:

**D.** During such time as it is lawful to hunt deer with firearms, no person, while hunting in the fields, forests or on the waters or ice of the State, shall be the holder of a current hunting license from which the deer tag portion has been detached unless that person has legally killed a deer by virtue of that license.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2355, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 425, § 38, is amended to read:

B. Prior to presenting a deer for registration it shall be unlawful for any person to possess or to leave in the fields or forests a deer which he has killed which does not have securely attached thereto, and plainly visible, the deer tag portion of his hunting license **completely detached from the license and** bearing his full name and address. Any deer so found to which the deer tag portion of said license has not been attached, shall be seized and disposed of as directed by the commissioner.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Since it is not an uncommon occurrence for game wardens to come upon deer hunters who have not yet registered deer but who exhibit hunting licenses, the deer tag portions of which have been detached and soiled with blood, it is the purpose of this bill to greatly reduce the opportunity for a hunter to utilize his temporary deer transportation tag to transport more than one deer during each hunting season.