

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 228

In Senate, February 20, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Extend the Deer Season through the Second Saturday following
Thanksgiving.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2353, first paragraph, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 208, § 1, is amended to read:

There shall be an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to the **2nd** Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2353, next to the last paragraph, as amended by PL 1977, c. 43, is further amended to read:

It is provided that the commissioner is authorized to shorten the open season on deer in any area of the State, providing such determination is made and published prior to September 1st of any year and provided that in every county, ~~the Saturday preceding the first day of the open season on deer~~ **the period from the Monday following the close of the open season through the Saturday following closing of the open season** shall be an open day season for residents of this State only.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend the general open season for hunting deer to the 2nd Saturday following Thanksgiving. The bill also provides that the week following the closing of the general open season will be a special open season for Maine residents only.