

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 49

In Senate, January 6, 1981

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Establish and Limit Deer Hunting to a Northern and a Southern Zone.**

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

12 MRSA § 7457, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, § 44, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**E. The commissioner may divide the State into a northern and southern zone and may shorten the open season on deer in either or both zones, provided that:**

- (1) The demarcation of the zones with the shortened season follows recognizable physical boundaries, such as rivers and railroad rights-of-way;**
- (2) The determination is made and published prior to September 1st of any year; and**
- (3) The Saturday preceding the first day of open season on deer shall be an open day for residents of this State only.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that the State may be divided into 2 zones, a northern zone and a southern zone, for purposes of deer hunting. This will eliminate the 3rd zone which is now in existence. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will have the power to shorten the hunting season in either or both of the zones.