

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 254

H. P. 217

House of Representatives, January 14, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacques of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Prohibit Taking Antlerless Deer in Certain Municipalities and Townships.

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

12 MRSA § 7457, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Taking of antlerless deer only. Notwithstanding subsection 1, in the following areas a person may only take by lawful means one wild deer with antlers not less than 3 inches long:

A. The following municipalities and townships in Somerset County: Bigelow, Dead River, Flagstaff, T3R4 BKP WKR, Pierce Ponds, Bowtown, The Forks Plantation, East Moxie, King and Bartlett, T345 BKP WKR, Lower Enchanted, West Forks Plantation, Moxie Gore, Sqauretown, T5R6 BKP WKR, Hobbstown, Upper Enchanted, Johnson Mountain, Chase Stream, Indian Stream, Appleton, T5R7 BKP WKR, T 4R7 BKP WKR, Parlin Pond, Misery, Sapling, Holeb, Attean Pond, Jackman, Long Pond, Misery Gore, Sandwich Academy Grant, Taunton and Raynham Grant, Sandbar Tract, Rockwood Strip, Forsyth, Dennistown, Moose River, Thorndike, Sandy Bay, Bald Mountain, Alder Brook, Blake Gore, Prentiss, Hammond, T4R5 NBKP and Dole Brook;

B. All of Franklin County except the following municipalities and townships: Wilton, Jay, Farmington, Chesterville, Industry and New Sharon;

C. All municipalities and townships in Oxford County north of a line formed by

the southern boundaries of the following municipalities and townships: Riley, Newry, Andover and Roxbury.

This subsection is repealed on January 1, 1984.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will restrict deer hunting to adult male deer in wildlife management unit 3. In this area the deer harvest has dropped almost 50% over the last 5 years. Restricting the harvest to males only for the next 3 years will help the population recover.