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	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Leg	gislative Document No. 63
	P. 57 House of Representatives, January 5, 1983 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Pre	sented by Representative Webster of Farmington.
	STATE OF MAINE
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
	AN ACT to Change the Date of the Special Muzzle-loading Hunting Season.
	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis- ture do not become effective until 90 days after journment unless enacted as emergencies; and
	Whereas, the original bill establishing a speal muzzle-loading hunting season terminates, by its terms, on March 1, 1983; and
	Whereas, the termination and subsequent reenact- nt of another muzzle-loading hunting season bill ald create confusion among members of the public;
ado	Whereas, this confusion can be eliminated by the option of this bill as an emergency measure; and

- 1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following 4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 6 therefore.
- 7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 8 follows:
- 9 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7107, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 10 1981, c. 461, § 2, is amended to read:
- 4. Open season. There shall be a special muzzle-loading open season on deer consisting of the 3 6 business days immediately fellowing preceding the open season on deer, as described in section 7457, subsection 1, for the purpose of hunting deer with muzzle-loading rifles. The commissioner may terminate this open season at any time in any area if, in his opinion, an immediate emergency action is necessary 18 due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting 19 pressure. 20
- 21 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7107, sub-§6, as enacted by 22 1981, c. 461, § 2, is repealed.
- 23 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited 24 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when in 25 approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT 26

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The purpose of this bill is to change the date of the special muzzle-loading open season on deer from the 3 days following the regular deer season to 6 days preceding the regular deer season. This bill repeals the sunset provision regarding muzzle-loading hunting licenses.

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