

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 915

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7 H.P. 645

House of Representatives, March 5, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Jacques of Waterville.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Season and Penalties
18 under the Bucks Only Law.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by
23 PL 1981, c. 414, §31, is further amended to read:

24 A. There shall be an open season on deer in each
25 calendar year in all counties of the State ~~from~~
26 ~~the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November~~
27 30th during the last 3 full weeks of November.

28 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by
29 PL 1981, c. 624, is repealed and the following en-
30 acted in its place:

31 H. The taking of deer during the open season es-
32 tablished in paragraph A shall be limited to the
33 taking of deer with antlers 3 inches in length or
34 longer. This subsection is repealed on January
35 1, 1990.

1 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§§2-A and 2-B are en-
2 acted to read:

3 2-A. Unlawful killing of antlerless deer. A
4 person is guilty of killing antlerless deer if he
5 kills a deer without antlers or whose antlers are
6 less than 3 inches in length, except during any open
7 season set out in sections 7102 and 7107. This sub-
8 section is repealed on January 1, 1990.

9 2-B. Unlawful possession of antlerless deer. A
10 person is guilty of unlawful possession of antlerless
11 deer if he possesses a deer without antlers or whose
12 antlers are less than 3 inches in length, except dur-
13 ing any open season set out in sections 7102 and
14 7107. This subsection is repealed on January 1,
15 1990.

16 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§10 is enacted to
17 read:

18 10. Antlerless deer. A violation of section
19 7458, subsection 2-A or 2-B, is a Class E crime, ex-
20 cept that the convicted person shall be subject to a
21 fine of \$1,000 for a violation of section 7458, sub-
22 section 2-A, and subject to a fine of \$500 for a vio-
23 lation of section 7458, subsection 2-B. No person
24 may be convicted of a violation of section 7458, sub-
25 sections 2-A and 2-B involving a single deer. This
26 subsection is repealed on January 1, 1990.

27 Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall take ef-
28 fect on January 1, 1986.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purposes of this bill are to:

31 1. Set the deer hunting season as the last 3
32 full weeks of November;

33 2. Provide that only antlered deer may be
34 hunted; and

35 3. Establish fines for killing or possessing
36 antlerless deer.

1 This bill will be repealed in 1990.

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