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2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1479

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8 H.P. 1027

House of Representatives, May 9, 1985

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Clark of Millinocket.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Jacques of Waterville, Representative
Rotondi of Athens and President Pray of Penobscot.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT to Establish a 5-day Special
19 Muzzle-loading Hunting Season.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§23-A, ¶A, as enacted
24 by PL 1981, c. 461, §1, is amended to read:

25 A. ~~Forty~~ Forty-five caliber or greater;

26 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7107-A is enacted to read:

27 §7107-A. Muzzle-loading hunting season

28 1. Eligibility. Any person who will be 16 years
29 of age or older at the beginning of the special sea-
30 son in subsection 4, may obtain a muzzle-loading li-
31 cence from the commissioner or his authorized agent,
32 provided that that person possesses a valid license
33 to hunt big game. The muzzle-loading hunting license

1 shall be in the form of a stamp which shall be af-
2 fixed to the person's big game hunting license. The
3 stamp shall bear the words "RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS".

4 2. Issuance. The commissioner, through his
5 agent, shall issue a muzzle-loading license to eligi-
6 ble persons. The issuing agent shall charge a fee of
7 \$1 for each license issued.

8 3. Schedule of fees. The schedule of fees is as
9 follows:

10 A. Resident 5-day muzzle-loading hunting
11 license \$10

12 B. Nonresident 5-day muzzle-loading
13 hunting license \$50

14 C. Alien 5-day muzzle-loading hunting
15 license \$70

16 4. Open season. There shall be a special
17 muzzle-loading open season on deer on the Monday to
18 Friday of the first full week in December for the
19 purpose of hunting deer. The commissioner may termi-
20 nate this open season at any time, in any area, if,
21 in his opinion, an immediate emergency action is nec-
22 essary due to adverse weather conditions or severe
23 hunting pressure.

24 5. Restrictions. The following restrictions ap-
25 ply during the muzzle-loading open season.

26 A. The open season shall be limited to the tak-
27 ing of deer with antlers 3 inches in length or
28 longer.

29 B. A muzzle-loading rifle equipped with any type
30 of telescope or telescope sight may not be used
31 during any special muzzle-loading open season.

32 C. Deer tags for the muzzle-loading open season
33 shall be issued for use in the same manner as
34 regular deer tags.

35 D. If a person takes a deer during any open sea-
36 son on deer, he is precluded from further hunting
37 for deer during that year.

