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	(After Deadline) FIRST REGULAR SESSION	
(ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE	
Legislative D	Pocument No. 15	73
pursuant to Jo	to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and	85
	EDWIN H. PERT, Cle Representative Smith of Island Falls. red by Representative Greenlaw of Standish and Representative rway.	
	STATE OF MAINE	
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE	
AN AC	T to Protect Deer Yards in the Organized Townships.	
Be it enaction follows:	cted by the People of the State of Maine a	ıs
12 MR	SA §7037 is enacted to read:	
§7037. De	eer wintering areas	
commission the ident	dentification of deer wintering areas. The ner shall, by rule, establish criteria for tification of deer wintering areas in the criteria shall include:	r
A. Oh	oservation by department personnel;	
B. De	eer tracks;	
C. E	vidence of current or past browsing;	

1	D.	Deer	pellet	depositions;	or

E. Bedding sites.

 2. Notification. Whenever evidence indicates, according to criteria established by the commissioner, the existence of a deer wintering area in any municipality or plantation, the commissioner shall notify the officials of the municipality or plantation and the owner or owners of record of the property on which the area is located of the existence of the deer wintering area and shall provide information to those persons as to actions which may be taken to protect the deer in that area.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a mechanism requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to notify municipal officials and private landowners of the existence of deer yards and to provide information on measures that can be taken to protect the deer within those yards.

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