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

No. 2203

7 S.P. 873

In Senate, March 17, 1986

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

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

11 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Matthews of Kennebec.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Greenlaw of Standish, Senator Usher of
Cumberland and Representative Duffy of Bangor.

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT to Place a Sunset Provision in
19 the Antlerless Deer Permit Law.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as repealed and re-
24 placed by PL 1985, c. 230, is amended to read:

25 H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of
26 antlerless deer within any area of the State, as
27 necessary, to maintain deer populations in bal-
28 ance with available habitat, provided that:

29 (1) The demarcation of each area shall fol-
30 low recognizable physical boundaries such as
31 rivers, roads and railroad rights-of-way;

32 (2) The determination is made and published
33 prior to August 1st of each year;

1 (3) The commissioner may implement an
2 antlerless deer permit system, provided
3 that, by March 1st of the year of implemen-
4 tation, the department shall submit the
5 rules necessary for the system to the joint
6 standing committee of the Legislature having
7 jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wild-
8 life for review, comment and submission of
9 any necessary legislation. The department
10 shall make a report on the results of this
11 system to the committee by January 1st, of
12 the 2nd year following the year of initial
13 implementation. This subparagraph is re-
14 pealed on February 15th of the 2nd year fol-
15 lowing the year of initial implementation
16 and rules issued under this section are in-
17 effective on that date;

18 (4) If an antlerless deer permit system is
19 implemented, the application fee for a per-
20 mit to take an antlerless deer shall not ex-
21 ceed \$1;

22 (5) The commissioner may adopt rules neces-
23 sary for the administration, implementation,
24 enforcement and interpretation of this sub-
25 section, except that there shall be no
26 antlerless deer permit system unless other-
27 wise specified in this paragraph; and

28 (6) Subparagraph (3) shall be repealed 30
29 days after the submission by the department
30 to the committee of the rules necessary for
31 a permit system.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill adds a sunset provision to the permission given to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to implement an antlerless deer permit system. The sunset provision calls for repeal of the permission in the 2nd year after its first year of implementation. For example, if it is first implemented in 1986, it would be repealed on February 15, 1988.

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