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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 291

H.P. 223 House of Representatives, February 6, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls.
Cosponsored by Representative WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner,
Senators WEBSTER of Franklin and THERIAULT of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 2	AN ACT to Establish the Deer Season.
3 4	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
5 6	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA $\S7457$, sub- $\S1$, \PA , as amended by PL 1981, c. 414, $\S31$, is further amended to read:
7 8 9 LO	A. There shall be an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th. The first day of the season shall be open to residents only.
L2 L3	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 230, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1	H. The taking of antlerless deer is allowed only
2	on the last 6 hunting days of the open season as
3	established in paragraph A. The commissioner
4	may, by rule, reduce the number of days on which
5	antlerless deer may be taken as he determines
6	necessary to maintain deer populations with
7	available habitat.

STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The purposes of this bill are to:

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- 10 1. Allow resident hunting only on the first day of the deer season; and
- 2. Repeal the doe permit system and allow the taking of deer of either sex on the last 6 days of the season. The 6-day limitation may be reduced to less than 6 days if the commissioner determines it necessary.
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