

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative SCARPINO of St. George. (By  
Request)

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Prohibit the Hunting of Deer, Bear  
2 and Moose.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§25-A, as amended by  
7 PL 1985, c. 320, §1, is repealed.

8 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5, as repealed and  
9 replaced by PL 1983, c. 807, Pt. P, §3, is amended to  
10 read:

11 5. Schedule of fees. The schedule of fees is as  
12 follows:

13 1985 1986 1987

				and after
1				
2				
3	A. Resident junior hunting	\$3	\$3	\$3
4	license			
5	(10 years of age or older			
6	and under 16)			
7	B. Resident hunting license	\$13	\$14	\$15
8	(16 years of age or older)			
9	C. Resident combination hunt-	\$24	\$26	\$28
10	ing and fishing license			
11	C-1. Resident supersport li-	\$34	\$36	\$38
12	cence			
13	D. Resident combination arch-	\$24	\$26	\$28
14	ery hunting and fishing li-			
15	cence			
16	E. Nonresident junior hunting	\$23	\$23	\$23
17	license			
18	(10 years of age or older			
19	and under 16)			
20	{Permits hunting of all spe-			
21	cies, except deer and bear			
22	with firearms}			
23	F. Nonresident small game	\$45\$75	\$46\$76	\$47\$77
24	hunting license			
25	{Permits hunting of all spe-			
26	cies, except deer and bear}			
27	G. Nonresident big game hunt-	\$75	\$76	\$77
28	ing license			
29	{Permits hunting of all spe-			
30	cies, including deer and			
31	bear}			

1 H. Nonresident combination \$103 \$105 \$107  
2 hunting and fishing license

3 I. Alien small game hunting \$60 \$115 \$61 \$116 \$62 \$  
4 license

5 (Permits hunting of all spe-  
6 cies, except deer and bear)

7 J. Alien big game hunting \$115 \$116 \$117  
8 license

9 (Permits hunting of all spe-  
10 cies, including deer and  
11 bear)

12 K. Alien combination hunting \$156 \$158 \$160  
13 and fishing license

14 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§6, as repealed and  
15 replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, §8, is repealed.

16 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7102, sub-§4, as amended by PL  
17 1981, c. 414, §§16 and 17, is further amended to  
18 read:

19 4. Open season.

20 A. It is legal to hunt any wild animal by bow  
21 and arrow during any open season on that animal,  
22 and.

23 B. There shall be a special open season from the  
24 first day of October to the beginning of the reg-  
25 ular deer hunting season, as described in section  
26 7457, subsection 1, paragraph A, for the purpose  
27 of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

28 C. An archery hunting license is required for  
29 persons 16 years of age or older to hunt during  
30 the special archery season on deer.

31 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7102, sub-§5, as amended by PL  
32 1985, c. 91, §1 and c. 144, is further amended to  
33 read:

1           5. Restrictions.

2           A. Archery deer tags shall be issued for the use  
3           in the same manner as regular deer tags;

4           B. If a person takes a deer with bow and arrow  
5           during the open season on deer, he is precluded  
6           from further hunting for deer during that year;

7           C. Any person 10 years of age or older and under  
8           16 shall be accompanied at all times while hunt-  
9           ing by a parent or guardian or an adult, at least  
10          18 years of age, approved by a parent or guardi-  
11          an.

12          D. Deer may be taken under this section only by  
13          means of hand bow and broad head arrow;

14          E. Bows shall be strong enough to shoot an arrow  
15          at least 150 yards.

16          F. Arrow heads shall be not less than 7/8 inch  
17          in width.

18          G. A person shall not use a crossbow or set  
19          bow.

20          H. A person shall not use arrows with either  
21          poisonous or explosive tips.

22          I. A person shall not carry firearms of any  
23          kind, excluding handguns, while hunting with a  
24          bow and arrow during the special archery season  
25          on deer, as described in subsection 4, paragraph  
26          B.

27          J. Except as provided in this section, the pre-  
28          visions of chapters 701 to 721 relating to deer  
29          shall be applicable to the taking of deer with  
30          bow and arrow, and

31          K.

32          Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7107-A, as enacted by PL 1985,  
33          c. 320, §2, is repealed.

34          Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§6, as enacted by PL

1 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed.

2 Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§12, as amended by PL  
3 1985, c. 304, §16, is repealed.

4 Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§17, ¶¶J and K, as  
5 enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, are repealed.

6 Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §7451, as amended by PL 1981,  
7 c. 644, §20, is repealed.

8 Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §7451-A is enacted to read:

9 §7451-A. Closed season on bear

10 No person may hunt or trap bear.

11 Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §7452, as amended by PL 1985,  
12 c. 369, §§17 and 18, is repealed.

13 Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §7457, as amended by PL 1985,  
14 c. 230, is repealed.

15 Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §7457-A is enacted to read:

16 §7457-A. Closed season on deer

17 No person may hunt deer.

18 Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §7458, as amended by PL 1985,  
19 c. 369, §20, is repealed.

20 Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §7463-A, as amended by PL 1985,  
21 c. 120, §§1 and 2 and PL 1985, c. 232, is repealed.

22 Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §7463-B is enacted to read:

23 §7463-B. Closed season on moose

24 No person may hunt moose.

25 Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §7464, as amended by PL 1985,  
26 c. 369, §21, is repealed.

27 Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §7505, sub-§3, ¶¶A, B and C, as  
28 enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, are amended to read:

1 A. His dog is found chasing or pursuing any  
2 moose, caribou, deer, bear or elk at any time, or  
3 any other wild animal in closed season;

4 B. His dog is found killing or wounding any  
5 moose, caribou, deer, bear or elk at any time, or  
6 any other wild animal in closed season;

7 C. His bird dog, retrieving dog or hound is  
8 found killing or wounding any moose, caribou,  
9 deer, bear or elk during the period in which it  
10 is lawful to train dogs, as provided for in sec-  
11 tion 7863, subsection 1, while the dog is at a  
12 licensed dog training area or at a licensed trial  
13 for retrieving dogs; or

14 Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §7654, sub-§8, ¶A, as enacted  
15 by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

16 A. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2:

17 (1) Those subsections shall not apply to  
18 crows and skunks on the Willow Water Game  
19 Sanctuary;

20 (2) A person residing within the limits of  
21 the York Game Sanctuary in the County of  
22 Franklin may kill any wild bird, except  
23 grouse, or any wild animal, except beaver,  
24 when found destroying his property;

25 (3) A person residing within the limits of  
26 Prout's Neck, Richmond's Island and Cape  
27 Elizabeth Sanctuary may kill any wild bird,  
28 except ruffed grouse or Hungarian partridge,  
29 or any wild animal, when found destroying  
30 his property; and

31 (4) A person may trap any wild animal ex-  
32 cept moose, caribou, deer, bear and elk  
33 within Fairfield Sanctuary, Narragansett  
34 Game Sanctuary and Prout's Neck, Richmond's  
35 Island and Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary in ac-  
36 cordance with the general laws of the State.

37 Sec. 21. 12 MRSA §7947, as enacted by PL 1979,  
38 c. 420, §1, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill prohibits all hunting of deer, bear and  
3 moose.

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