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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative DUFFY of Bangor. Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake,

Representative CLARK of Millinocket, and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 2	AN ACT Regarding Posting of Private Land.
3 4	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
5.	<pre>Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to</pre>
6	read:
7	I. Notwithstanding paragraph H, the commissioner
8	shall implement a landowner's antlerless deer
9	permit system, open only to landowners who quali-
10	fy under section 7546, subsection 2.
11	(1) If the landowner does not obtain a per-
12	mit pursuant to this paragraph, his applica-
13	tion shall automatically be entered in any
14	other antlerless deer permit system under

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paragraph H.

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1 2 3	(2) The commissioner may promulgate rules to implement the antlerless deer permit sys- tem under this paragraph.
4	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA c. 710-A is enacted to read:
5	CHAPTER 710-A
6	POSTING OF LAND
7	§7546. Posting of land
8 9 10 11 12 13	1. Notice; posted. Any posted notice on 40 or more contiguous acres of land, which prohibits public access for the purposes of hunting, fishing or trap- ping means that only the resident landowner or his family who resides on the land shall be allowed to hunt, fish or trap on the land.
14 15 16 17 18	2. Hunting allowed; permit eligibility. Any own- er of 40 or more contiguous acres of land, who allows others to hunt, trap and fish on his land, shall be eligible for a special landowner's antlerless deer permit under section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph I.
19 20 21 22	3. Notice; posted; nonresident landowner. If a landowner does not reside on the land and posts such a notice, no person, including the landowner, may hunt, trap or fish on that land.
23	STATEMENT OF FACT
24 25 26 27 28	The purpose of this bill is to clarify the mean- ing of posted notice in regard to hunting, trapping or fishing. Furthermore, by creating a special doe permit system, this bill provides an incentive for landowners to open their land to hunters.
29 30 31	If landowner does not reside on the land and posts such a notice, no person, including the land- owner, may hunt, trap or fish on that land.
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