

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 2049

H.P. 1499 House of Representatives, January 13, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.

Cosponsored by Representatives BEGLEY of Waldoboro,
THISTLE of Dover-Foxcroft and MAYO of Thomaston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Allow the Sale of Farm-Raised
Venison in Maine.

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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 202 is enacted to read:

7 CHAPTER 202

1 DEER

2 §1331. License; purchase and sale; penalties

3 1. License. The Commissioner of Agriculture,
4 Food and Rural Resources may issue a breeder's license
5 for the propagation, possession, purchase and sale of
6 deer in accordance with Title 12, section 7235.
7 Holders of a valid breeder's license may raise deer at
8 any season of the year for purposes of propagation.

9 2. Purchase and sale. Deer raised by any person
10 holding a breeder's license may be propagated,
11 possessed, transported, bought and sold as food. No
12 license may be required of any person purchasing
13 venison for food from a seller possessing a valid
14 breeder's license.

15 3. Penalties. Any person engaged in the business
16 of propagating, possessing, buying and selling deer
17 without a breeder's license provided for in section 1
18 is guilty of a Class E crime.

19 A breeder's license issued to any person for the
20 propagation, possession, purchase and sale of deer may
21 be revoked at any time for violation of this chapter.
22 Upon revocation, no similar license may be reissued
23 for a minimum of 5 years. Any person who violates or
24 refuses to comply with this chapter commits a civil
25 violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$200
26 may be adjudged at the discretion of the commissioner.

27 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7235, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted
28 by PL 1979, c. 543, §24, is repealed.

29 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§15, ¶A, as amended
30 by PL 1985, c. 369, §20, is further amended to read:

31 A. Notwithstanding subsection 3, the head,
32 antlers, feet and hide of any deer may be sold,
33 and the venison may be possessed, bought and sold
34 for use as food only in accordance with Title 7,
35 chapter 202.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill permits the sale of farm-raised venison,
a meat product that is not currently available to the
State's consumers.

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