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Agriculture and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored 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

1 AN ACT to Allow the Propagation and
2 Sale of Certain Deer for Food.
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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. Propagation and sale

3 1. Definition. As used in this section, unless
4 the context indicates otherwise, the following terms
5 have the following meanings.

6 A. "Domesticated deer" means fallow deer, family
7 Cervidae, sub-family Cervinae, genus Dama, kept as
8 domestic animals for the purpose of either
9 breeding stock or for sale as food.

10 2. License. The Commissioner of Agriculture,
11 Food and Rural Resources may issue a license for the
12 propagation, possession, purchase or sale of
13 domesticated deer and for the sale of meat from
14 domesticated deer. Any holder of such a license may
15 raise domesticated deer at any season of the year for
16 purposes of propagation. Appropriate certification
17 shall accompany any meat from domestic deer offered
18 for sale. The fee for the license shall be \$20 a year.

19 3. Propagation and sale. Domesticated deer
20 raised by any person holding such a license may be
21 propagated, possessed, transported, bought or sold as
22 food. A license shall not be required of any person
23 purchasing from a licensed seller the meat of such
24 deer for food.

25 4. Penalties. Any person engaged in the business
26 of propagating, possessing, buying or selling
27 domesticated deer without a license as provided for in
28 section 2 is guilty of a class E crime.

29 5. Revocation. A license issued to any person
30 for the propagation, possession, purchase or sale of
31 domesticated deer, or for the sale of meat from
32 domesticated deer, may be revoked at any time for
33 violation of this chapter. Upon revocation, no
34 similar license may be reissued for a minimum of 5
35 years. Any person who violates or refuses to comply
36 with this chapter commits a civil violation for which
37 a forfeiture not to exceed \$200 may be adjudged at the
38 discretion of the commissioner.

