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House of Representatives, February 9, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SWAZEY of Bucksport.

Cosponsored by Representative ROTONDI of Athens and Representative LIBBY of Kennebunk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Make Complimentary Doe Permits Available to Residents
over 70 Years of Age who have a Complimentary Hunting License.**



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H,** as repealed and replaced by PL
5 1985, c. 230, is amended to read:

7 H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless
9 deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain
 deer populations in balance with available habitat, provided
 that:

11 (1) The demarcation of each area shall follow
13 recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads
 and railroad rights-of-way;

15 (2) The determination is made and published prior to
17 August 1st of each year;

19 (3) The commissioner may implement an antlerless deer
21 permit system, provided that, by March 1st of the year
23 of implementation, the department shall submit the
25 rules necessary for the system to the joint standing
 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
 inland fisheries and wildlife for review, comment and
 submission of any necessary legislation;

27 (4) If an antlerless deer permit system is
29 implemented, the application fee for a permit to take
 an antlerless deer shall not exceed \$1;

31 (5) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the
33 administration, implementation, enforcement and
35 interpretation of this subsection, except that there
 shall be no antlerless deer permit system unless
 otherwise specified in this paragraph; and

37 (6) Subparagraph (3) shall be repealed 30 days after
39 the submission by the department to the committee of
 the rules necessary for a permit system; and

41 (7) If an antlerless deer permit system is
43 implemented, a complimentary deer permit to hunt
45 antlerless deer shall be issued to any resident of
 Maine 70 years of age or older who has a complimentary
 hunting license pursuant to section 7076, subsection 1,
 upon application to the commissioner.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill allows residents who are 70 years of age or older who have received a free hunting license to also receive a free permit to hunt antlerless deer.