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Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor. Cosponsored by Senator ESTY of Cumberland, Representative GREENLAW of Standish and Representative WALKER of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Provide More Equitable Hunting and Trapping Opportunity for Maine Sportsmen.

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

**12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 414, §31, is further amended to read:

A. There shall be an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th, except that in any year when November 30th falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the commissioner may, by rule, extend the open season on deer to the first Saturday in December.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the deer-hunting season to be extended to the first Saturday in December in any year during which the last day of November falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. This will ensure a full final week of deer hunting opportunity and improve the potential for hunters to enjoy at least one Saturday of deer hunting on snow. It also provides the mechanism to more equitably distribute hunting and trapping opportunities to various groups of Maine sportsmen.

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