

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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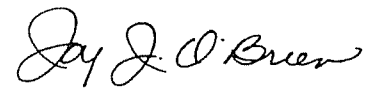
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S.P. 881

In Senate, January 29, 1990

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

  
JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset and Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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An Act to Provide for Wider Production of Certain Deer for Food.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1331, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
685, §1, is amended to read:

6 A. "Domesticated deer" means fallow deer, family Cervidae,  
8 sub-family Cervinae, genus Dama; red deer, family Cervidae,  
10 sub-family Cervinae, genus Cervus, species Elaphus; and any  
12 other species specified under subsection 1-A, kept as  
domestic animals for the purpose of either breeding stock or  
for sale as food.

14 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1331, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

16 1-A. Specification of species. The commissioner may, by  
18 rule, specify other species of deer as domesticated deer.  
Additional species may be specified only with the written  
concurrence of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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22 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 There is extensive current interest in the raising of deer  
26 for food. However, existing law does not allow for the  
28 production of red deer, a species desired in the market. This  
30 bill includes red deer in the definition of domesticated deer and  
makes provisions for the specification of other species by the  
Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with the  
concurrence of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.