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House of Representatives, February 6, 1991

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

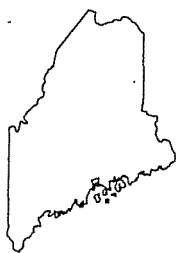
Presented by Representative MARSH of West Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Representative RUHLIN of Brewer and Representative LORD of Waterboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act Giving Preference for Antlerless Deer Permits to Property
Owners that Allow Hunting on their Lands.**



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

12 MRS.A §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 230, is amended to read:

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

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

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

(3) The commissioner may implement an antlerless deer permit system, provided that, by March 1st of the year of implementation, the department shall submit the 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;

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

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

~~(6) Subparagraph (3) shall be repealed 30 days after the submission by the department to the committee of the rules necessary for a permit system.~~

(7) The commissioner shall adopt rules that give preference in the issuance of antlerless deer permits to owners of property that allow the public to hunt on their lands. The rules must provide that preference may not be given to large corporations that own lands.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules that give preference in the issuance of antlerless deer permits to owners of property that allow the public to hunt on their lands.