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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 725, L.D. 1029, Bill, "An Act to Ensure More Equitable Hunting Opportunities"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

A. There--shall--be Except as otherwise provided in this section or by rule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section, there is an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th. 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. In any year in which the commissioner extends the season beyond November 30th, the commissioner shall by rule open the season in the northern portion of the State a week before opening the season in the southern portion of the State. The commissioner may by rule establish for this purpose a northern and a southern zone.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill allowed the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to extend by rule the deer hunting season to the first Saturday in December in any year in which November 30th falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. This amendment requires that in

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2 any year in which the commissioner by rule extends the season  
into December, the commissioner must also adopt split seasons for  
4 northern and southern zones of the State. In those years, the  
season must be opened in the northern zone one week earlier than  
it is opened in the southern zone.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife  
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the  
House

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