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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.
Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Ensure More Equitable Hunting Opportunities.



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

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4 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1981, c. 414,
§31, is further amended to read:

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

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to provide the means by which
18 the deer hunting season may be extended to the first Saturday in
December in any calendar year when the final day of November
20 falls on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. This ensures a full
final week of deer hunting opportunity and increases the
22 potential for resident hunters to enjoy at least one Saturday of
deer hunting on snow. It also provides the mechanism for
24 starting the traditional 4-week deer hunting season on the first
Monday in November rather than in late October and thereby ensure
26 that hunting and trapping opportunities are more equitably
distributed among the various resource user groups.