

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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Legislative Document

No. 1478

H.P. 1010

House of Representatives, April 10, 1991

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

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough. (By Request)

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STATE OF MAINE

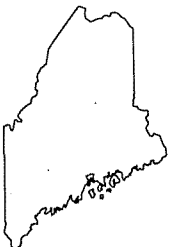
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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An Act Concerning the Use of Deer Killed by Farmers.

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

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4 12 MRSa §7502, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1979, c.723, §22, is further amended to read:

6 4. Warden's certificate. The game warden shall immediately  
8 investigate the case and, if he-is satisfied that the deer or  
10 other wild animal was taken as provided in this section, he the  
12 game warden shall give the person who killed the deer or other  
14 wild animal a certificate of his finding in the matter. The If  
16 the carcass is edible, the certificate entitles the person to the  
18 ownership--of--the--carcass--or--carcasses,--to--be--possessed--and  
20 consumed--only--within--the--immediate--family--of--the--owner--of--the  
22 creps--or--the--person--who--killed--the--deer--or--other--wild--animal  
24 temporary possession of the carcass, but the carcass and the  
26 certificate must be transferred within 14 days to a charitable  
28 organization that provides food or meals to persons in need. The  
30 commissioner shall adopt rules under the Maine Administrative  
Procedure Act to implement this subsection. If the carcass is  
inedible, it must be disposed of within 14 days.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill provides that when a deer or other edible wild  
26 animal is destroyed for causing crop damage, the carcass must be  
28 turned over to a charitable organization that provides food or  
30 meals to persons in need. Current law allows the carcass to be  
kept for personal or family consumption.