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H.P. 1114

House of Representatives, April 24, 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 TRACY of Rome.

Cosponsored by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset, Representative JACQUES of Waterville and Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Persons Who Are Disabled
Who Hold Valid Hunting Licenses.**



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

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4 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 230, is amended to read:

6 H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless
8 deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain
10 deer populations in balance with available habitat, provided
12 that if the following conditions are met.

14 (1) The demarcation of each area shall ~~follow~~ follows
16 recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads
18 and railroad rights-of-way.

20 (2) The determination ~~is~~ must be made and published
22 prior to August 1st of each year.

24 ~~(3) The commissioner may implement an antlerless deer
26 permit system, provided that, by March 1st of the year
28 of implementation, the department shall submit the
30 rules necessary for the system to the joint standing
32 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
34 inland fisheries and wildlife for review, comment and
36 submission of any necessary legislation;~~

38 ~~(4) If an antlerless deer permit system is
40 implemented, the (3) The application fee for a permit
42 to take an antlerless deer shall may not exceed \$1.~~

44 ~~(5) (4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for
46 the administration, implementation, enforcement and
48 interpretation of this subsection, except that there
50 shall be no may not be an antlerless deer permit system
52 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~~(6) Subparagraph (3) shall be repealed 30 days after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.~~

(5) A person with a physical or mental handicap, as
defined by Title 5, section 4553, subsection 7-A, who
holds a valid hunting license is exempt from any
lottery conducted by the commissioner pursuant to this
paragraph and is entitled to an antlerless deer permit
upon request.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows persons who are disabled who hold valid hunting licenses to have antlerless deer permits on request without having to participate in the antlerless deer lottery.