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House of Representatives, May 6, 1991

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

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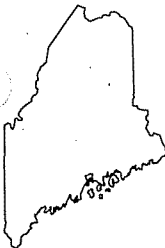
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Representative ANDERSON of Woodland, Representative MARSH of West Gardiner and Representative GOULD of Greenville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Modify the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
Requirements Relating to Deer Wintering Areas.**



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

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4 12 MRSA §685-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 1975, c. 497,
§3, is further amended to read:

6 B. In absence of agreement, in addition to the other
8 requirements of this subchapter, a wildlife biologist of the
10 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall
12 substantiate the proposed protection district or subdistrict
14 for wintering habitat, by the results of on-the-ground
observation during or following a period of winter
conditions when such areas are used for cover by the deer.

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This bill amends the current requirements for assessing deer
20 wintering areas by allowing wildlife biologists from the
22 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct
24 on-the-ground observations for a longer period during the year.
26 By extending the period of on-the-ground inspections beyond the
time required these areas are actually used by the deer as winter
cover, as now required by current law, fish and wildlife
biologists may complete their assessments of interim deer
wintering area districts and other new areas more quickly and
efficiently.