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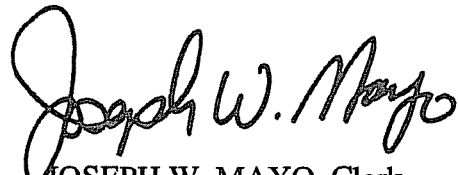
No. 566

H.P. 440

House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

An Act to Allow Bow Hunters to Take Antlerless Deer During the Open Firearms Season.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and
Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, DEXTER of Kingfield, FARREN of Cherryfield,
GOULD of Greenville, LEMONT of Kittery, MARSH of West Gardiner, NICKERSON of
Turner, ROTONDI of Athens, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, SUMMERS of Cumberland.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1991, c. 398, is further amended to read:

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

12 (1) The demarcation of each area must follow
14 recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads
and railroad rights-of-way.

16 (2) The determination must be made and published prior
18 to August 1st of each year.

20 (3) The application fee for a permit to take an
22 antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application
24 must include a detachable portion on which the
26 applicant shall write the applicant's name and address
and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of
adequate postage. The department shall return this
portion of the application to the applicant in
acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the
application.

28 (4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the
30 administration, implementation, enforcement and
32 interpretation of this subsection, ~~except~~ provided that
34 there may not be an antlerless deer permit system
unless except as otherwise specified in this paragraph.

36 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to read:

38 I. Upon receipt of an application from a person possessing
40 an archery hunting license issued under section 7102, the
42 commissioner shall issue a permit allowing that person to
take an antlerless deer with a bow and arrow during the open
firearms season. The commissioner shall determine the form
of the application.

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46 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
50 Wildlife, upon receipt of appropriate application, to issue a
52 permit to a person who possesses an archery hunting license
allowing that person to take an antlerless deer with a bow and
arrow during the open firearms season.