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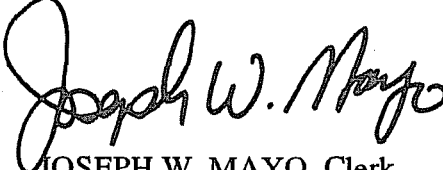
No. 913

H.P. 675

House of Representatives, March 15, 1993

An Act to Provide Waiting Periods for Special Hunting Permits.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENNETT of Norway.

Cosponsored by Representative: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

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 commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain deer populations in balance with available habitat if the following conditions are met.

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

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

18 (3) The application fee for a permit to take an antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application must include a detachable portion on which the 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.

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

26 (5) A person who obtains an antlerless deer permit may not obtain another antlerless deer permit until 3 years have elapsed since the issuance of the last permit.

30 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 120, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

34 **5. Eligibility.** Except as provided in this subsection, any Maine resident, nonresident or alien who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. Ne A person who has obtained a moose hunting permit may not obtain another permit until 2 5 years have elapsed since the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill provides that a person who obtains an antlerless
6 deer permit may not obtain another antlerless deer permit until 3
 years have elapsed since the issuance of the last permit. The
 bill also increases from 2 to 5 the number of years that must
 elapse before a person may obtain another moose hunting permit.