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House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

An Act to Extend the Period during Which Only Maine Residents May Hunt Deer.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representatives: BIRNEY of Paris, LANE of Enfield, LUMBRA of Bangor, MARSHALL of Eliot, NICKERSON of Turner, RICE of South Bristol, TUTTLE of Sanford, WINGLASS of Auburn, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, HANLEY of Oxford.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 170, is further amended to read:

Except as otherwise provided in this section or by rule 6 Α. adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section, there 8 is an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th--Monday 4th Saturday 10 preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th. In any year when November 30th falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the commissioner may, by rule, extend the open season on deer to 12 the first Saturday in December. In any year in which the commissioner extends the season beyond November 30th, the 14 commissioner shall by rule open the season in the northern 16 portion of the State a week before opening the season in the southern portion of the State. The commissioner may by rule establish for this purpose a northern and a southern zone. 18

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1983, c. 271, is further amended to read:

- E. The commissioner may shorten the open season on deer in any part of the State, provided that:
- (1) The demarcation of the areas with the shortened season fellew follows recognizable physical boundaries,
 such as rivers and railroad rights-of-way;
- 30 (2) The determination is made and published prior to June 1st ef-any-year; and
- (3) The <u>week that starts with the 5th</u> Saturday <u>and</u>
 34 <u>ends with the 4th Friday</u> preceding the-<u>first-day-of</u>
 9pen-<u>season-on-deer-shall-be-an</u> <u>Thanksgiving is</u> open
 36 day for residents of this State only.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill extends from one day to one week the time period 42 when only Maine residents may hunt deer in the State, from the Saturday preceding current open season to the following Friday. 44 This shortens the season open to nonresidents by one week and keeps the season the same length.

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