

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 436

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H.P. 315

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

**An Act to Protect the Deer Population from Over-hunting.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSHALL of Eliot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, LEMONT of Kittery.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§9**, as repealed and replaced by PL  
1993, c. 156, §1, is amended to read:

6 **9. Illegally baiting deer.** A person is guilty of illegally  
baiting deer ~~if, during any open hunting season on deer, that~~  
8 person in any of the following circumstances:

10 A. ~~Places~~ If, during any open hunting season on deer or in  
12 the 2 months immediately preceding the open hunting season  
14 on deer, the person places or makes available salt or any  
other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place;  
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16 B. ~~Hunts~~ If the person hunts from an observation stand or  
blind overlooking salt, grain, fruit, nuts or other foods  
18 known to be attractive to deer; or

20 C. If, during the months immediately preceding the time  
22 that deer feeding is prohibited as described in paragraph A,  
24 the person places or makes available quantities of salt or  
any other bait or food so large that a portion remains  
during the period that feeding is prohibited.

26 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

28 **9-A. Removal of excess bait.** Any remaining salt, bait or  
30 food put in place by machine to entice deer must be removed prior  
to the date established under subsection 9, paragraph A.

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill adds the 2 months prior to deer season to the  
36 period during which deer may not be fed or baited. It includes  
the distribution of excess quantities of deer food, salt and bait  
38 to the definition of illegal deer baiting and requires that  
excess quantities of food, salt and bait for deer placed by  
40 machines be removed prior to the beginning of the expanded time  
that deer feeding is prohibited.