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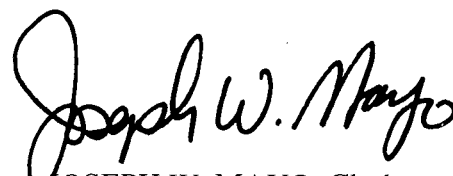
No. 1036

H.P. 762

House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

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

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Representative: LEMONT of Kittery.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1993, c.
4 574, §21, is further amended to read:

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H. The Except as provided in paragraph H-1, the
commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless deer
8 within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain deer
populations in balance with available habitat if the
10 following conditions are met.

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

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

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

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

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(5) An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the
commissioner pursuant to this section may include a
38 provision giving special consideration to landowners
who keep their lands open to hunting by the public.

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

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H-1. Upon receipt of an application from a person
44 possessing an archery hunting license issued under section
7102, the commissioner shall issue a permit allowing that
46 person to take an antlerless deer with a bow and arrow
during the open firearms season. The commissioner shall
48 determine the form of the application.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, upon receipt of appropriate application, to issue a 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.

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