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No. 182

S.P. 63

In Senate, January 16, 1997

An Act to Give an Antlerless Deer Permit to a Person Who Kills 5 or More Coyotes.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative: UNDERWOOD of Oxford.

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

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

6 H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless
7 deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain
8 deer populations in balance with available habitat ~~if in~~
9 accordance with the following ~~conditions-are-met~~.

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

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

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

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

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

33 (6) A person who kills 5 coyotes or more in a calendar
34 year by hunting or trapping receives a permit to take
35 an antlerless deer in the following year.

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SUMMARY

This bill gives an antlerless deer permit to a person who kills 5 coyotes or more in a calendar year by hunting or trapping.