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House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act to Limit the Landowner Deer Permit System to One Application per Household.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1993, c. 574, §21, is further amended to read: The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless 6 deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain deer populations in balance with available habitat if the Я following conditions are met. 10 (1)The demarcation of each area must recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads 12 and railroad rights-of-way. 14 The determination must be made and published prior to August 1st of each year. 16 The application fee for a permit to take an 18 (3) antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application must include a detachable portion on 20 which applicant shall write the applicant's name and address 22 and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of adequate postage. The department shall return this 24 portion of the application to the applicant acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the application. 26 28 (4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the implementation, administration, enforcement 30 interpretation of this subsection, except that there may not be an antlerless deer permit system unless 32 otherwise specified in this paragraph. An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the 34 commissioner pursuant to this section may include a provision giving special consideration to landowners 36 who keep their lands open to hunting by the public; 3.8 except that no more than one permit per household may be issued to a landowner under this subparagraph. 40

SUMMARY

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Current law authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when issuing antlerless deer permits, to give special consideration to landowners who keep their lands open. This bill limits the number of permits issued to such landowners to one permit per household.