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House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

An Act to Ensure Hunting Safety.

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

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OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union. (By Request)

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

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

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by rule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section, there is an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th Monday 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 the first Saturday in December. In any year in which the commissioner extends the season beyond November 30th, the commissioner shall by rule open the season in the northern portion of the State a week before opening the season in the southern portion of the State. In any year when the open season on deer includes October 31st, hunting is prohibited on that day after 2:00 p.m. The commissioner may by rule establish for this purpose a northern and a southern zone.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to ensure hunting safety. Under this bill, if the hunting season begins on or before October 31st, hunting is prohibited after 2:00 p.m. on Halloween.

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