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S.P. 83

In Senate, January 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Hunters.

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 DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook,
SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, MACK of Standish, STANLEY
of Medway.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
225, §1, is further amended to read:

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

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

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

18 (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.

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

34 (5) An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the
commissioner pursuant to this section may include a
36 provision giving special consideration to landowners
who keep their lands open to hunting by the public.
38 Any 2 or more areas of land owned by the same person
that are open for hunting and that would be contiguous
40 except for being divided by one or more roads are
considered contiguous for the purposes of determining
42 landowner eligibility for special consideration under
this subparagraph.

44 A juvenile is allowed to take an antlerless deer if an adult
46 family member holds a valid antlerless deer permit and upon
registering with the commissioner transfers that permit to
48 the juvenile. If the adult family member transfers the
permit to the juvenile, the adult member is prohibited from
50 taking an antlerless deer.

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SUMMARY

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6 This bill allows a juvenile to take an antlerless deer if an
adult family member holds a valid antlerless deer permit and
transfers the permit to the juvenile.

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