

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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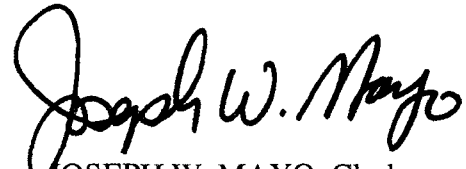
H.P. 197

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Allow a Person Hunting with a Muzzle-loader to Take an Antlerless Deer.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta,  
Senator CASSIDY of Washington and  
Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, LINDAHL of Northport, O'NEAL of Limestone,  
TRACY of Rome, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1997, c.  
432, §§20 to 22, is further amended to read:

6 **4. Open season.** There is a special muzzle-loading open  
season on deer, including antlerless deer, immediately following  
8 the regular deer hunting season for the purpose of hunting deer  
only with muzzle-loading firearms as defined in section 7001,  
10 subsection 23-A. The commissioner may terminate this open season  
at any time, in any area, if, in the commissioner's opinion, an  
12 immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather  
conditions or severe hunting pressure. The length of the special  
14 muzzle-loading season is as follows:

16 B. The commissioner shall establish by rule the length of  
the special muzzle-loading season. The commissioner may  
18 establish seasons of different lengths in different regions  
of the State. The season may extend for no more than 12  
20 hunting days in any part of the State.

22 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, sub-¶(6)** is enacted to read:

24 (6) The taking of deer, including antlerless deer, is  
26 allowed by hunters using muzzle-loading firearms as  
defined in section 7001, subsection 23-A.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill allows a person hunting with a muzzle-loader to  
32 hunt any kind of deer.