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No. 326

S.P. 129

In Senate, January 14, 1999

An Act to Allow a Person Who Possesses an Archery Hunting License to Shoot a Deer During the Regular Hunting Season.

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 CARR of Lincoln and
Representatives: JOY of Crystal, MACK of Standish, STANLEY of Medway.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7102-A, sub-§6, ¶C**, as corrected by RR 1993,
c. 1, §35, is amended to read:

6 C. The commissioner shall by rule establish a special
8 archery season beginning at least 30 days prior and
10 extending to the beginning of the regular deer hunting
12 season, as described in section 7457, subsection 1,
paragraph A, for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and
arrow only. During the special archery season on deer, the
following restrictions apply.

14 (1) Deer may be taken only by means of a hand-held bow
and broadhead arrow, provided that:

16 (a) Bows must be of adequate strength to shoot an
18 arrow at least 150 yards; and

20 (b) Arrowheads must be at least 7/8 inch in width.

22 (2) A person may not carry firearms of any kind while
24 hunting any species of wildlife with bow and arrow
during the special archery season on deer, except that
26 any person who holds a license that allows hunting with
firearms may carry a handgun.

28 ~~(3) If a person takes a deer with bow and arrow during
30 the special archery season on deer, that person is
precluded from further hunting for deer during that
32 year.~~

34 (4) Except as provided in this subsection, the
provisions of chapters 701 to 721 concerning deer are
36 applicable to the taking of deer with bow and arrow,
including the transportation, registration and
38 possession of deer taken by this method.

40 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7102-A, sub-§6, ¶D** is enacted to read:

42 D. Notwithstanding section 7458, subsections 1 and 2,
44 a person who has taken a deer with bow and arrow during
the special open season for archery hunting may hunt
for and kill a 2nd deer with a firearm during the
firearm season.

46 **SUMMARY**

48 This bill allows a person who has killed a deer during the
50 special archery season for deer to hunt and kill a 2nd deer with
a firearm during the regular firearm season for deer.