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H.P. 393

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

An Act to Reauthorize and Expand the Special Archery Season on Deer.

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and
Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMONT of Kittery,
McGLOCKLIN of Embden, STANLEY of Medway, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of
Westbrook, Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the expanded archery deer hunting license law
expires on April 1, 1999; and

8 Whereas, the continuation of the expanded archery season for
deer hunting is an effective and safe deer management tool and is
10 important to the cultural and economic interests of the State; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7102-B, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 24,
Pt. I, §2, is amended to read:

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24 An expanded archery deer hunting license authorizes the
holder to hunt for deer with a bow and arrow during an expanded
26 archery deer hunting season. Notwithstanding section 7102-A,
subsection 6, paragraph C, subparagraph (3) or section 7458, a
28 person who lawfully takes a deer with a bow and arrow during the
expanded archery deer hunting season is not precluded from
30 further hunting for deer during that year. The commissioner may
adopt rules to allow an archery deer hunting license holder to
take more than one deer in areas where deer populations or other
32 considerations warrant the taking of additional deer.

34 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7102-B, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 24,
Pt. I, §2, is amended to read:

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38 **5. Expanded archery deer hunting season.** ~~The commissioner
may establish by rule an expanded archery deer hunting season.
The season must be determined by the commissioner, except that it
40 may only occur in September. The expanded archery deer hunting
season begins on September 1st and ends on December 15th of each
42 year.~~

44 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7102-B, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
471, §2, is repealed.

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48 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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4 This bill reauthorizes a special archery season on deer and
6 expands the special archery season from September 1st to December
 15th. This bill also allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
 and Wildlife to adopt rules to allow an archery deer hunting
 license holder to take 2 or more deer in certain areas.