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House of Representatives, February 4, 1999

An Act to Allow Hunters to Kill One Deer During Each Hunting Season.

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 KASPRZAK of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town,
MENDROS of Lewiston, PERRY of Bangor.

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

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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 archery season beginning at least 30 days prior and extending to the beginning of the regular deer hunting 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 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 hunting any species of wildlife with bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer, except that 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 the special archery season on deer, that person is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.~~

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

38 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§5, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 320, §2, is repealed.

42 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

44 1. Exceeding bag limit. Except as otherwise provided, a person is guilty of exceeding the bag limit on deer if that person possesses more than one deer taken during each of the following seasons:

48 A. The open season on deer under section 7457;

2 B. The special archery season on deer under section 7102-A;
3 and

4 C. The muzzle-loading hunting season under 7107-A.

6 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,**
8 **§1, is amended to read:**

10 **2. Hunting deer after having killed one.** A person is
11 guilty of hunting deer after having killed one if he that person
12 hunts deer in a deer season after he that person has killed or
13 registered one deer during the-open that season of that calendar
14 year, except as otherwise provided.

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SUMMARY

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19 This bill allows a person to kill one deer during the
20 general open hunting season, one deer during the muzzle-loading
 hunting season and one deer during the archery season.