

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 992

House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

### **An Act to Expand Hunting Options for Disabled Military Veterans.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRAGDON of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, MENDROS of Lewiston, TRUE of Fryeburg.

**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  
10 deer populations in balance with available habitat if the  
12 following conditions are met.

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

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

24 (3) The application fee for a permit to take an  
26 antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application  
28 must include a detachable portion on which the  
30 applicant shall write the applicant's name and address  
32 and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of  
adequate postage. The department shall return this  
portion of the application to the applicant in  
acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the  
application.

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

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

(6) The commissioner grants a complimentary antlerless  
deer permit to any applicant who holds a license under  
section 7076, subsection 4-B.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

2           15. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4, the  
4           commissioner shall grant a complimentary moose hunting permit to  
6           any applicant who holds a license under section 7076, subsection  
          4-B. A person may not apply for a permit under this subsection  
          more than once.

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### SUMMARY

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12           This bill allows disabled veterans to receive complimentary  
14           antlerless deer permits and one-time complimentary moose hunting  
          permits.

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