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S.P. 936

In Senate, January 12, 2000

An Act to Establish a Deer Hunting Season in the Town of Cranberry Isles.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin and
Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old
Town, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§22 is enacted to read:
	22. Hunting without consent. A person is guilty of hunting
with	out consent if that person:
	A. Hunts deer on another person's land in the Town of Cranberry Isles without first obtaining written permission
	to hunt on that land from the landowner or the landowner's representative.
	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 1995, c.
55,	§30, is further amended to read:
	D. There is a continual closed season on deer in the following places:
	(1) Mount Desert Island;
	(2) Cross Island in Washington County;
	(3) Scotch Island in Washington County;
	(3) beoten Island in Washington County,
	(4) The Town of Isle au Haut and the islands within the confines of the Town of Isle au Haut in Knox County;
	(5) Wildlife sanctuaries that have been established by law, except as provided in section 7653;
	law, except as provided in section 7033,
	(6) All of Swan Island in the Town of Swan's Island in Hancock County;
	(7) The Town of Islesboro in Waldo County, except that
	a person may hunt deer in that town with bow and arrow from the first day of the special archery season on
	deer, established in accordance with section 7102-A, subsection 6, paragraph C, to the end of the regular
	firearm season on deer of each calendar year in Waldo County; and
	(8)The-whole-of-Granberry-Isles-in-Hancock-County;-and
	(9) The whole of Long Island in Long Island Plantation
	in Hancock County.
	Sec. 3. Expanded archery deer hunting season for Town of
	nberry Isles. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and life shall establish, pursuant to the rule-making authority
set	out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7102-B,
	expanded archery deer hunting season for the Town of Cranberry es beginning with the hunting season in 2001.

Sec. 4. Special hunting season; Town of Cranberry Isles. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph D, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish, pursuant to the rule-making authority set out in Title 12, section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph I, one special hunting season for deer in the Town of Cranberry Isles that must end no later than January 31, 2001.

Sec. 5. Effective date. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph D takes effect July 1, 2001.

16 SUMMARY

This bill establishes a deer hunting season in the Town of Cranberry Isles in order to address deer overpopulation of 5 islands in this community.

Specifically, the bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a special hunting season for deer in the Town of Cranberry Isles that must end no later than January 31, 2001. Effective July 1, 2001, the bill repeals the provision establishing a continual closed season on deer in the Town of Cranberry Isles. The bill also establishes a requirement of prior written landowner consent by enacting as a prohibited act hunting deer in the Town of Cranberry Isles without such consent. The bill also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an expanded archery deer hunting season for the Town of Cranberry Isles beginning with the 2001 hunting season.