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House of Representatives, February 1, 2001

Millient M. Macfarland

An Act Related to Nonresident Deer Hunters.

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

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old Town, HONEY of Boothbay, JONES of
Greenville, PARADIS of Frenchville, PINEAU of Jay, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator:
CARPENTER of York.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c.
4	16, Pt. G, §5, is further amended to read:
6	A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, section 7102-B, or by rule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to
8	this section, there is an open season on deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State from the 5th
10	Monday preceding Thanksgiving to November 30th. In any year when November 30th falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday,
12	the commissioner may, by rule, extend the open season on deer to the first Saturday in December. In any year in
14	which the commissioner extends the season beyond November 30th, the commissioner shall by rule open the season in the
16	northern portion of the State a week before opening the season in the southern portion of the State. The
18	commissioner may by rule establish for this purpose a northern and a southern zone.
20	Notwithstanding the rule-making authority of the
22	commissioner, the commissioner may not designate a resident-only opening day for deer and all hunters licensed
24	under this chapter, regardless of residency, must be allowed to hunt on any day designated as opening day of open season
26	for deer.
28	<pre>Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1983, c. 271, is further amended to read:</pre>
30	E. The commissioner may shorten the open season on deer in
32	any part of the State, provided that:
34	(1) The demarcation of the areas with the shortened season follow recognizable physical boundaries, such as
36	rivers and railroad rights-of-way; and
38	(2) The determination is made and published prior to June 1st of any year r-and.
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42	season-on-deer. Shall-be-an-open-day-for-residents-of this-State-onlys
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mais bill provides that opening day of deer season is for 48 goldents and no residents alike.

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