

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1207

S.P. 369

In Senate, February 28, 2001

**\* An Act to Allow a Hunter to Take a Deer of Either Sex in Black Powder Season.**

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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 "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and  
Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, KNEELAND of Aroostook, NUTTING of Androscoggin,  
WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, McGLOCKLIN of  
Emden, TOBIN of Dexter, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 432, §§20 to 22, is further amended to read:

**4. Open season.** There is a special muzzle-loading open season on any deer immediately following the regular deer hunting season for the purpose of hunting any deer only with muzzle-loading firearms as defined in section 7001, subsection 23-A. The commissioner may terminate this open season at any time, in any area, if, in the commissioner's opinion, an immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting pressure. The length of the special muzzle-loading season is as follows:

B. The commissioner shall establish by rule the length of the special muzzle-loading season. The commissioner may establish seasons of different lengths in different regions of the State. The season may extend for no more than 12 hunting days in any part of the State.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§5, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 320, §2, is repealed.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows a hunter to take a deer of any sex during the muzzle-loading open hunting season.