

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1577

S.P. 488

In Senate, March 13, 2001

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**An Act to Encourage New Hunters.**

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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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and  
Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township,  
COLWELL of Gardiner, HONEY of Boothbay.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. First-time hunters. Notwithstanding any other provision  
8 of this chapter, if a person has never held a deer hunting  
10 license issued under section 7101, for the first year of the  
12 person's first deer hunting license issued under section 7101, a  
14 person may take an antlered or antlerless deer during an open  
16 season under subsection 1. This subsection does not apply to a  
18 person who has tagged a deer pursuant to subsection 2.

#### 14 SUMMARY

16 This bill allows a person who has never taken a deer and who  
18 holds an original deer hunting license to take a deer of either  
sex during open season for deer in the first year that the person  
holds a license, until the person tags the person's first deer.