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No. 300

An Act To Ban the Hunting of Animals in an Enclosed Area

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport. Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, McKEE of Wayne.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1331, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 765, §1, is further amended to read:

6 2. License. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources may issue a license for the propagation, 8 possession, purchase or sale of domesticated deer and for the sale of meat from domesticated deer. Any holder of such a 10 license may raise domesticated deer at any season of the year for purposes of propagation. Appropriate certification must 12 accompany any meat from domestic deer offered for sale. The fee for the license is \$20 a year. Except-as-provided-in-section 14 1346,--license License fees must be deposited in the Animal Industry Fund established in section 1332.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1332, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765, §2, is amended to read:

20 §1332. Animal Industry Fund

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22 The Treasurer of State shall establish a separate account known as the Animal Industry Fund. This fund does not lapse but must be carried forward. Except-as-provided-in-section-1346, 24 license License fees collected under section 1331, subsection 2 26 and--license--and--tagging--fees--collected--under--section--1342, subsections-3-and-4 must be deposited in the account. Funds from 28 account may be used to pay for administrative costs this associated with licenses issued under sections section 1331 and 30 13427-tage-issued-under-section--1342-and-other-costs-associated with-administration-and-enforcement-of-this-chapter-and-chapter 202-A. 32

34 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA c. 202-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §1751, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2001, c. 572, 38 §23, is further amended to read:

2. Domestic animals. "Domestic animals" means cattle, equines, goats, sheep, swine, cats, dogs, domesticated cervidae
or other domesticated animals;-large-game-as-defined-in-section
1341,-subsection-5; and poultry.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §4011, sub-§1,  $\P$ G, as amended by PL 2001, c. 617, §9, is further amended to read:

G. Hunts, traps or sells for the purpose of hunting any animal, except as permitted pursuant to Title --7-,--chapter
 202-A-and Title 12, Part 10;

**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §4015, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 765, §10, is further amended to read:

Livestock must be provided with shelter 5. Livestock. suitable for the health of the animal. Livestock must have 6 access to a constructed or natural shelter that is large enough 8 to accommodate all livestock comfortably at one time. The shelter should be well drained and protect the livestock from direct rain, wind anđ other inclement weather. 10 sun, Notwithstanding this subsection, shelter for equines must be in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph Β. 12 provided subparagraph (1). For-purposes-of-this-subsection, --"livesteek" 14 includes-large-game-as-defined-in-section-1341,-subsection-5-kept at-a-licensed-commercial-large-game-shooting-area-ac-defined-in section-1341,-subsection-1. 16

Sec. 7. 17 MRSA 1031, sub-1, G, as amended by PL 2001, c. 617, 1, is further amended to read:

G. Hunts, traps or sells for the purpose of hunting any animal, except as permitted pursuant to Title--7-,--chapter 202-A-and Title 12, Part 10;

Sec. 8. 17 MRSA §1037, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c. 765, 26 §12, is further amended to read:

28 5. Livestock must be provided with shelter Livestock. suitable for the health of the animal. Livestock must have access to a constructed or natural shelter that is large enough 30 to accommodate all livestock comfortably at one time. The shelter should be well drained and protect the livestock from 32 direct wind other inclement sun, rain, and weather. Notwithstanding this subsection, shelter for equines must be 34 provided in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph Β, subparagraph (1). For-purposes of this subsection -- "livesteek" 36 includes--large--game--as--defined--in--Title--7--section--1341, 38 subsection - 5 - kept - at - a - licensed - commercial - large - game - sheeting area-as-defined-in-Title-7,-section-1341,-subsection-1.

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## SUMMARY

44 This bill repeals the law that permits the establishment, operation and use of commercial large game shooting areas. This bill also removes the exemption in the animal cruelty laws of persons operating or hunting such areas, thus making it a Class D 48 crime to operate or hunt in a large game shooting area.