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S.P. 269

In Senate, February 20, 2003

An Act To Allow a Person To Assist in a Hunt

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 BRYANT of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§10.** as amended by PL 1999, c. 588,
§1, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§15, ¶I.** as enacted by PL 1999, c.
588, §2, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7458-A** is enacted to read:

10 **§7458-A. Assisting in deer hunt**

12 A person may assist in a deer hunt if that person does not
14 possess a firearm, archery equipment, a weapon or other device to
16 kill, capture or ensnare a deer during the hunt.

18 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2001, c.
690, Pt. A, §10 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

20 **4. Hunting permits.** In accordance with the provisions of
22 subsections 1-A and 2-B, the commissioner may issue moose hunting
24 permits and may establish the number of moose hunting permits to
be issued for each wildlife management district established by
26 the commissioner by rule open to moose hunting. No more than 10%
of the moose hunting permits may be issued to nonresident and
alien hunters.

28 The fee for a moose hunting permit is \$50 for residents and \$475
30 for nonresidents and aliens. While hunting moose, each resident,
32 nonresident or alien hunter, ~~both permittee and subpermittee,~~
must be in possession of a valid Maine resident, nonresident or
alien big game hunting license, whichever is applicable.

34 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§4-A,** as repealed and replaced by
PL 1993, c. 574, §22, is repealed.

36 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§13, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 1993,
38 c. 577, §1, is repealed.

40 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

42 **15. Assisting in moose hunt.** A person may assist a
44 permittee in hunting moose if that person does not possess a
firearm, archery equipment, a weapon or other device to kill,
46 capture or ensnare a moose during the hunt.

48 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7469, sub-§10, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.
95, §1, is repealed.

50 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §7469-A** is enacted to read:

2 **§7469-A. Assisting in turkey hunt**

4 A person may assist in a turkey hunt if that person does not
6 possess a firearm, archery equipment, a weapon or other device
 intended to kill, capture or ensnare wild turkeys during the hunt.

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SUMMARY

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 This bill allows a person to assist a hunter in the hunting
12 of deer, moose and wild turkeys. The bill requires that the
 person assisting may not possess a firearm, archery equipment, a
14 weapon or other device to kill, capture or ensnare the deer,
 moose or wild turkeys during the hunt.