

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 652

S.P. 207

In Senate, February 8, 2005

### **An Act To Provide Free Deer Hunting Licenses to Persons 100 Years of Age or Older**

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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 DIAMOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and  
Senators: PERRY of Penobscot, TURNER of Cumberland, WOODCOCK of Franklin,  
Representatives: JACKSON of Fort Kent, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MOODY of Manchester,  
RICHARDSON of Greenville, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

6 1. Residents 100 years of age or older. A complimentary  
license or permit to hunt deer, including an antlerless deer  
permit under section 11152, must be issued to any resident of the  
8 State who is 100 years of age or older upon application to the  
commissioner.

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12 A. A resident who applies for a complimentary license or  
permit under this subsection at any time during the calendar  
14 year of that resident's 100th birthday must be issued the  
appropriate license or permit upon application, regardless  
16 of the actual date during that calendar year in which that  
resident attains 100 years of age. The application must be  
18 accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified  
evidence of the applicant's date of birth and proof of  
residency.

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22 B. A complimentary license or permit issued under this  
subsection remains valid for the remainder of the life of  
24 the license or permit holder, as long as the license or  
permit holder continues to satisfy the residency  
26 requirements set out in section 10001, subsection 53 and the  
license or permit is not revoked or suspended.

28 **SUMMARY**

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32 Current law provides a complimentary license to hunt, trap  
or fish to residents 70 years of age or older; this benefit is  
due to expire January 1, 2006.

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36 This bill allows a resident 100 years of age or older to  
obtain a complimentary license or permit to hunt any deer,  
including antlerless deer.