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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

An Act To Provide For Special Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Disabled Hunters

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.
Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and
Representatives: LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MOODY of Manchester, PARADIS of Frenchville,
SMITH of Van Buren, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§2**, as affected by PL 2003, c.
6 614, §9 and repealed and replaced by c. 655, Pt. B, §120 and
8 affected by §422, is amended to read:

10 **2. Authority to regulate taking of antlerless deer.** The
12 commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless deer within an
14 area of the State as necessary to maintain deer populations in
16 balance with available habitat if the demarcation of each area
18 follows recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads
20 and railroad rights-of-way. This subsection does not apply to a
22 person with a special antlerless deer permit under subsection 7.

24 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

26 **7. Special antlerless deer permit.** The commissioner shall
28 issue a special antlerless deer permit to an eligible person who
30 is suffering from the loss of or the permanent loss of use of
32 both lower extremities. A person who is issued a special
34 antlerless deer permit under this subsection may take an
antlerless deer in any part of the State open to the taking of
any deer. The person suffering from the loss of or the permanent
loss of use of both lower extremities must provide the
commissioner with a letter signed by a physician licensed in the
State confirming the person's condition.

SUMMARY

This bill creates a special antlerless deer license that allows a person with ambulatory disability to take an antlerless deer anywhere in the State where any deer may be taken. An applicant for the license must provide a letter signed by a licensed physician confirming the ambulatory disability.