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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 884, L.D. 1287, Bill, "An Act To Allow the Use of All Muzzle-loading Firearms during Muzzle-loading Deer Season"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Pertaining to the Use of Muzzle-loading Firearms during Muzzle-loading Deer Season'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11404, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 614, §4 and affected by §9, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11404, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Muzzle-loading-only open season on deer. There is a special muzzle-loading open season on deer immediately following the regular deer hunting season established under section 11401, subsection 1, paragraph A for the purpose of hunting deer only with:

A. A muzzleloader as defined in section 10001, subsection 42-A that is 40 caliber or greater and capable of firing only a single charge;

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B. A muzzle-loading shotgun as defined in section 10001, subsection 42-B; or

C. A traditional muzzleloader as defined in section 10001, subsection 62-A that uses projectiles that are 40 caliber or greater or that uses buckshot.

The commissioner may terminate this open season at any time in an area if, in the commissioner's opinion, an immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting pressure. The length of the special muzzle-loading season is as follows.

The commissioner shall establish by rule the length of the special muzzle-loading season. The commissioner may establish seasons of different lengths in different regions of the State. The season may extend for no more than 12 hunting days in any part of the State.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that during the muzzle-loading-only deer season a person may use both barrels of a traditional muzzleloader when using projectiles of 40 caliber or greater or buckshot and both barrels of a muzzle-loading shotgun.