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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Archery Hunting Season

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 14, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUPLESSIE of
Westbrook, JENNINGS of Leeds, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, Speaker RICHARDSON of
Brunswick, THOMPSON of China, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11403, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6 3. Expanded archery deer hunting season. There is a
8 special expanded archery deer hunting season from the first
10 Saturday following Labor Day until the last day of the special
12 muzzle-loading hunting season under section 11404. All
14 provisions of this section and sections 11102, 11106 and 11109
16 apply during this season. Any person who possesses an archery
18 hunting license under this section is eligible to purchase
20 special season permits as provided in section 11153. One permit
22 may be purchased authorizing the taking of a deer other than an
24 antlerless deer and one permit may be purchased authorizing the
26 taking of an antlerless deer.

18 The expanded archery deer hunting season applies only to areas
20 that are closed to hunting with a firearm. During the expanded
22 archery deer hunting season, areas that are open to hunting with
24 a firearm must be closed to archery hunting until the regular
26 archery hunting season begins.

24 SUMMARY

26 This bill allows an expanded archery deer hunting season for
28 deer in areas that are closed to firearm hunting and also allows
the taking of 2 deer during the expanded archery deer hunting
season, one antlered deer and one antlerless deer.