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An Act To Improve Deer Management and Hunting

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LUNDEEN of
Mars Hill, MAZUREK of Rockland, TREAT of Farmingdale, VAUGHAN of Durham,
WATSON of Bath, WEDDELL of Frankfort.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. A person who possesses an antlerless deer permit under this section may take one
4 antlerless deer during an open, archery or muzzle-loading season or during a special
5 season as the commissioner determines necessary under section 11153.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

7 **8. Antlerless deer permit.** The following applies to an antlerless deer permit issued
8 pursuant to this section.

9 A. The fee for an antlerless deer permit is \$10. Income derived from the fee charged
10 under this paragraph must be credited to the fund established in paragraph B.

11 B. The Antlerless Deer Fund, referred to in this subsection as “the fund,” is created.
12 The fund is administered by the commissioner. Proceeds of the fund must be used to
13 staff and administer a landowner relations program. The fund is a nonlapsing,
14 revolving fund. Money in the fund not needed to meet the requirements of this
15 paragraph may accrue interest and be invested in a manner permitted by law. Interest
16 on these investments must be credited to the fund. The commissioner shall adopt
17 major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out
18 the purposes of this paragraph.

19 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11501, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 552, §5 and
20 affected by §15 and c. 614, §9 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§2 and 6, is further amended to read:

21 **1. Exceeding bag limit.** A person may not possess more than one deer during any
22 open season, except a person may keep more than one legally obtained deer in that
23 person's home at any time or as otherwise provided in law. Notwithstanding the
24 provisions of this subsection, a person holding an antlerless deer permit under section
25 11152 may possess 2 deer, one of which is an antlerless deer pursuant to section 11152,
26 during any season in which the person is eligible to hunt.

27 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11501, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 552, §5 and
28 affected by §15 and c. 614, §9 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§2 and 6, is further amended to read:

29 **2. Hunting deer after having killed one.** A person may not hunt deer after that
30 person has killed or registered one during the open season of that calendar year, except a
31 person who holds an antlerless deer permit under section 11152 may not hunt after that
32 person has killed or registered 2 deer, one of which is an antlerless deer pursuant to
33 subsection 1, or except as otherwise provided in law or rule.

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SUMMARY

35 This bill allows a person who holds an antlerless deer permit to take a second deer,
36 which is an antlerless deer, during an open, special, archery or muzzle-loading season.
37 This bill requires a \$10 fee to be charged for an antlerless deer permit, which must be

1 credited to the Antlerless Deer Fund to staff and administer a landowners relations
2 program.