

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 24, 2013

### **An Act To Allow Hunting for Deer with a Crossbow during the Expanded Archery Season**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WOOD of Sabattus.  
Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and  
Representatives: JOHNSON of Eddington, TYLER of Windham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10953, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 61, §2, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Species and seasons.** Except as provided in this Part, a person may hunt bear  
5 with a crossbow during the open season on bear as provided in section 11251 and may  
6 hunt deer with a crossbow during the open firearm season on deer as provided in section  
7 11401 and during an expanded archery deer hunting season established pursuant to rule.  
8 This subsection does not authorize a person to hunt deer with a crossbow ~~during an~~  
9 ~~expanded archery season established under section 11403 or in an expanded archery zone~~  
10 ~~or~~ during the muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season established under section 11404,  
11 except as provided in subsection 1-A.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10953, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 61, §3, is  
13 amended to read:

14 **1-A. Hunting with a crossbow; 70 years of age or older.** A person 70 years of age  
15 or older may hunt deer with a crossbow ~~during an expanded archery season established~~  
16 ~~under section 11403 or in an expanded archery zone or~~ during the muzzle-loading-only  
17 deer hunting season established under section 11404.

18 This subsection is repealed January 1, 2015.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows a person to hunt with a crossbow during an expanded archery deer  
21 hunting season that is established by rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
22 Wildlife.