

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2018

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H.P. 1265

House of Representatives, February 6, 2018

**An Act Regarding the Repeal of a Provision of Law Allowing  
Certain Nonresidents To Hunt Deer before the Open Season on Deer**

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Reported by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson for the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 1249.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11401, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 401, §1, is  
3 amended to read:

4 E. Notwithstanding paragraph B, subparagraph 3 (3), a nonresident who owns 25 or  
5 more acres of land in the State and leaves that property open to hunting, holds a valid  
6 hunting license and is not otherwise prohibited by law may hunt deer on the Saturday  
7 preceding the first day of open season on deer.

8 ~~This paragraph is repealed on September 15, 2018.~~

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and  
11 Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 1249. The bill removes the provision of law  
12 that repeals on September 15, 2018 the law that allows a nonresident who owns 25 or  
13 more acres of land in the State and leaves that property open to hunting, who holds a  
14 valid hunting license and who is not otherwise prohibited from hunting deer to hunt deer  
15 on the Saturday preceding the first day of the open season on deer.

16 The committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill. By reporting  
17 this bill out, the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees  
18 or disagrees with any aspect of this bill. The committee is reporting the bill out for the  
19 sole purpose of having a bill printed that can be referred to the committee for an  
20 appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The  
21 committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review  
22 of the proposals contained in the bill.