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H. P. 1645

House of Representatives, March 21, 1933.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relative to Closed Time on Deer.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 61, amended.** Paragraph 1 of section 61 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘There shall be an annual closed season on deer in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York from the 1st day of December of each year to the 31st day of October of the following year, both days inclusive, and in the counties of Aroostook, Washington, Penobscot, Somerset, Piscataquis, Franklin and Oxford from the 1st day of December of each year to the 15th day of October of the following year, both days inclusive, and in the county of Hancock from the 16th day of December of each year to the 31st day of October of the following year, both days inclusive, except that on the island of Mount Desert, and in the town of Deer Isle, and in the town of Stonington, in the county of Hancock, and on Cross Island and on Scotch Island, in the county of Washington, and in Isle au Haut, in the county of Knox, and on Swan Island in the county of Sagadahoc, and in game sanctuaries as established by law, where closed season is perpetual, during which said closed seasons, except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to hunt any deer or have in possession any part thereof; and no person shall during

the open seasons above named, except as hereinafter provided, kill or have in possession, more than 1 deer or part thereof. A person lawfully killing a deer in open season, shall have a reasonable time in which to transport the same to his home and may have the same in possession at his home in closed season, provided said deer has been properly registered, as provided in section 67.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 61, additional.** Section 61 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end thereof the following:

'The owner or keeper of any orchard or growing crops shall within 48 hours after he discovers there is damage being done to said orchard or crops, by deer or other protected animals or birds, report the same in writing to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game either directly or to the inland fish and game warden in whose district said crop or orchard is being damaged. Any person who claims a damage to growing crops or orchard by deer or other protected animals or birds shall within 3 days after he discovers such damage is being done report the same in writing to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game or to the deputy inland fish and game warden in whose district said crop or orchard is being damaged.'