

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY - EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 290**

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S. P. 199

In Senate, February 4, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Kennedy of Hancock.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT** relative to "Closed time on deer in certain counties."

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

Section 61 of chapter 38 of the public laws of the year 1935 are hereby amended to read as follows:

There shall be an annual closed season on deer in **all** the counties of the state ~~Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo~~ 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 county of York from the 1st day of December of each year to the 10th day of November of the following year, both days inclusive, and in the counties of Arceostock, 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 counties of Hancock and Washington 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 Sagada-

hoc, 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 lawful 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.

Provided, however, that if a deer is found doing actual, substantial damage to any growing cultivated crops, the cultivator of such crops may kill the deer, and may consume said deer in his own family but not otherwise; but he shall not pursue the deer beyond the limits of his cultivated land in which the damage is being done; provided, that whoever kills a deer in accordance with the provisions herein contained shall forthwith give notice in writing to the commissioner of the fact of such killing and the character and estimated amount of damage done; whoever fails to give such notice shall in no wise be protected by the provisions hereof. Whoever shall cultivate any crops for the manifest purpose of killing deer under the provisions of this paragraph shall in no wise be protected thereby; and it shall be unlawful to place salt or any other bait or food in any place for the purpose of enticing deer thereto. Any dead deer found in the woods not having a tag identifying the owner thereof shall be subject to seizure and confiscation by the department. 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 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 or to the deputy inland fish and game warden in whose district said crop or orchard is being damaged.'