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Reported by Senator Wight of Penobscot from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Ordered printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Open Season for Hunting Deer with Bow and Arrow.

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

R. S., c. 33, §§ 96-A - 96-E, additional. - Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections, to be numbered 96-A to 96-E, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Hunting With Bow and Arrow

Sec. 96-A. Open season. There shall be an annual open season on deer in the counties of Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset from October 1st to October 15th, inclusive, for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

Sec. 96-B. License; tags. An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to take deer under the provisions of sections 96-A to 96-E, inclusive, the fee for which shall be \$4.25 for hunting deer for residents of this state and \$10.25 for hunting deer for non-residents. Archery deer tags shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags. If a person does take a deer with bow and arrow during the special season provided in section 96-A, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year. If a person does not take a deer with a bow and arrow during

the special season provided in section 96-A, he is not precluded from obtaining a hunting license for the regular open season.

Sec. 96-C. Equipment. Deer may be taken under the provisions of sections 96-A to 96-E, inclusive, only by means of long bow with a minimum pull of 40 pounds and broad head arrow. The arrow head shall be not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches and not less than $\frac{7}{8}$ inches in width. No person shall use arrows with either poisonous or explosive tips. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting with bow and arrow. No bow shall be strung while carried in any vehicle. No deer shall be shot from a raised platform or standing tree.

Sec. 96-D. Application. Except as provided in sections 96-A to 96-E, inclusive, the provisions of this chapter relating to deer shall be applicable to the taking of deer with bow and arrow.

Sec. 96-E. Registration. All deer killed under the provisions of this act shall be inspected by a warden before being registered under the provisions of section 88. If the warden finds the deer to have been legally killed by bow and arrow he shall approve the deer for registration. If it appears to the warden that the deer was not legally killed with bow and arrow he shall seize the deer and prosecute the offender.'