

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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4. Licensed by Department of Human Services. The additional premises are licensed by the Department of Human Services.

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## CHAPTER 320

H.P. 1027 - L.D. 1479

### AN ACT to Establish a 5-day Special Muzzle-loading Hunting Season.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§25-A, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 573, is amended to read:

25-A. Open firearm season on deer. "Open firearm season on deer" means the time during which it is lawful to hunt deer with a firearm, including the special muzzle-loading season as described in section ~~7107~~ 7107-A.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7107-A is enacted to read:

§7107-A. Muzzle-loading hunting season

1. Eligibility. Any person who will be 16 years of age or older at the beginning of the special season in subsection 4, may obtain a muzzle-loading license from the commissioner or his authorized agent, provided that that person possesses a valid license to hunt big game. The muzzle-loading hunting license shall be in the form of a stamp which shall be affixed to the person's big game hunting license. The stamp shall bear the words "RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS".

2. Issuance. The commissioner, through his agent, shall issue a muzzle-loading license to eligible persons. The issuing agent shall charge a fee of \$1 for each license issued.

3. Schedule of fees. The schedule of fees is as follows:

A. Resident 5-day muzzle-loading hunting license ..... \$7

B. Nonresident 5-day muzzle-loading hunting license ..... \$25

C. Alien 5-day muzzle-loading hunting license ..... \$50

4. Open season. There shall be a special muzzle-loading open season on deer on the first 6 hunting days after the regular deer hunting season for the purpose of hunting deer. The commissioner may terminate this open season at any time, in any area, if, in his opinion, an immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting pressure.

5. Restrictions. The following restrictions apply during the muzzle-loading open season.

A. Section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph H, as regards the commissioner's authority to regulate the harvest of antlerless deer, shall be applicable during the muzzle-loading hunting season.

B. A muzzle-loading rifle equipped with any type of telescope or telescope sight may not be used during any special muzzle-loading open season.

C. Deer tags for the muzzle-loading open season shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags.

D. If a person takes a deer during any open season on deer, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.

E. Except as provided in this section, chapters 701 to 721 relating to deer apply to the taking of deer with muzzle-loading rifles.

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## CHAPTER 321

S.P. 495 - L.D. 1321.

AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities  
Commission to Act on an Expedited  
Basis in Certain Cases.

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