

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CHAPTER 140

## H.P. 536 - L.D. 743

**An Act to Make Confidential Certain  
Information Collected from Maine  
Farmers and Agricultural Business**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §20** is enacted to read:

**§20. Confidential information**

**1. Types of information.** Information provided to the department voluntarily or to fulfill reporting requirements is designated as confidential for the purposes of Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A if:

A. The person to whom the information belongs or pertains has requested that it be designated as confidential; and

B. The department has determined that failure to designate the information as confidential would provide competitors an opportunity to obtain business or competitive advantage over the person to whom the information belongs or pertains or would result in loss or other significant detriment to that person.

Summary reports of information designated as confidential may be published using aggregate data that does not reveal the activities of an individual person or firm.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 141

## S.P. 83 - L.D. 186

**An Act to Allow Any-deer Permits to  
be Transferred to Junior Hunters  
and Hunters 65 Years of Age or  
Older**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 225, §1, is further amended to read:

H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain deer populations in bal-

ance with available habitat if the following conditions are met.

(1) The demarcation of each area must follow recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads and railroad rights-of-way.

(2) The determination must be made and published prior to August 1st of each year.

(3) The application fee for a permit to take an antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application must include a detachable portion on which the applicant shall write the applicant's name and address and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of adequate postage. The department shall return this portion of the application to the applicant in acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the application.

(4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the administration, implementation, enforcement and interpretation of this subsection, except that there may not be an antlerless deer permit system unless otherwise specified in this paragraph.

(5) An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section may include a provision giving special consideration to landowners who keep their lands open to hunting by the public. Any 2 or more areas of land owned by the same person that are open for hunting and that would be contiguous except for being divided by one or more roads are considered contiguous for the purposes of determining landowner eligibility for special consideration under this subparagraph.

A junior hunter or a person 65 years of age or older may take an antlerless deer, if an adult who holds a valid antlerless deer permit transfers the permit to the junior hunter or person 65 years of age or older by identifying the name, age and address of the transferee on the permit as well as any other information reasonably requested by the commissioner and then returns the permit to the department prior to the start of the firearm season on deer. The commissioner shall record the transfer and return the permit to the junior hunter or person 65 years of age or older. A valid permit must be in the possession of the transferee to take an antlerless deer. If the adult transfers the permit to the junior hunter or person