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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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(9) The whole of Long Island in Long Island Plantation in Hancock County.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. The commissioner by rule may open any of the areas closed to deer hunting under paragraph D, as long as the legislative body of each affected town approves the opening. For purposes of this paragraph, "affected towns" means any town, township or municipality that contains within its borders any area proposed to be opened under this paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶I, as amended by PL 1997, c. 432, §43, is further amended to read:

I. The commissioner, by rule, may create special hunting seasons for the taking of deer in any part of the State to maintain deer populations in balance with available habitat, subject to the following.

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

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

(3) The commissioner may implement a permit system and establish fees to regulate hunter participation in a special season and the number, sex and age of deer harvested.

~~(4) Special hunts must take place between the close of the special muzzle loading season and January 31st.~~

(5) The commissioner may establish limits on the number of deer taken or possessed by persons during any special season. Limits established by the commissioner under this subparagraph are exceptions to the limits imposed under section 7458, subsections 1 and 2.

(6) The commissioner may specify types of weapons to be used during a special season.

Sec. 5. Hunting season for deer in the Cranberry Isles in 2000. Prior to holding any open season on deer in the Cranberry Isles, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall hold a depredation hunt for the taking of deer on the

whole of the Cranberry Isles under the authority of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7035, subsection 3. Permits for that hunt may only be issued to owners of land on those isles or to their designees.

Sec. 6. Effective date. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph (8) takes effect July 1, 2001.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 637

H.P. 1709 - L.D. 2415

An Act to Remove Certain Barriers for Low-income Working Parents

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Categorical eligibility. The department shall adopt rules that maximize access to the food stamp program for households in which there is a child who would be a dependent child under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program but that do not receive a monthly cash assistance grant from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Under rules adopted pursuant to this subsection, certain of these families must be authorized to receive referral services provided through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant and be categorically eligible for food stamps in accordance with federal law. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 638

H.P. 1639 - L.D. 2290

An Act to Improve Business Entity Filings and Authorize Mergers, Consolidations and Conversions of Various Business Entities

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

Sec. 1. 13-A MRSA §908, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 439, §1, is amended to read: