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House of Representatives, February 14, 2017

**An Act To Allow Owners of 25 Acres or More of Land That Is Open
to the Public for Hunting To Take Any Deer without a Special
Permit**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FOLEY of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: CRAIG of Brewer, GERRISH of Lebanon, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield,
WALLACE of Dexter, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Landowners of 25 acres or more.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person with a
4 valid license under section 11109 who owns 25 contiguous acres or more may take an
5 antlerless deer on that land under that license during hunting season if:

6 A. The land is open to the public for hunting; and

7 B. The land is not located in a wildlife management district that does not have
8 permits issued under subsection 1-A.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows a landowner of 25 acres or more who possesses a valid deer hunting
11 license to take an antlerless deer on the landowner's property under that license during
12 hunting season if the property is open to the public for hunting and not located in a
13 wildlife management district that does not have antlerless deer permits issued.