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House of Representatives, February 10, 2011

## An Act To Allow Nonresidents To Hunt on the First Day of the Firearm Season on Deer

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish. Cosponsored by Representative: FITTS of Pittsfield.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11401, sub-§1, ¶B,</b> as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §168 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:
4 5	B. The commissioner may shorten the open season on deer in any part of the State, as long as:
6 7	(1) The demarcation of the areas with the shortened season follows recognizable physical boundaries, such as rivers and railroad rights-of-way; and.
8 9	(3) The Saturday preceding the first day of open season on deer is an open day for residents of the State only.
10	Sec. 2. Rules. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend its
11	rules governing deer hunting to provide that the open season for deer hunting begins on
12	the Saturday that had been limited to resident hunters only.
13	SUMMARY
14	This bill allows nonresidents to hunt on the first day of the firearm season on deer.