

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AN LD

Note: Actual size of a LD is 8 1/2 x 11.

Front Page. →

LD is the Abbreviation for Legislative Document.

H.P. (House Paper) → originates in the House.

S.P. (Senate Paper) originates in the Senate.

Title of Maine Law being affected. →

Strikeouts indicate old language. →

Underlined text indicates new language. →



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Legislative Document

No. 436

H.P. 315

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

An Act to Protect the Deer Population from Over-hunting.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, CLERK

Presented by Representative MARSHALL of Eliot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, LEMONT of Kittery.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7458, sub-§9, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 156, §1, is amended to read:

9. Illegally baiting deer. A person is guilty of illegally baiting deer ~~if, during any hunting season on deer, that person~~ in any of the following circumstances:

A. ~~Places~~ If, during any open hunting season on deer or in the 2 months immediately preceding the open hunting season on deer, the person places or makes available salt or any other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place; ~~or~~

B. ~~Hunts~~ If the person hunts from an observation stand or blind overlooking salt, grain, fruit, nuts or other foods known to be attractive to deer; or

C. If, during the months immediately preceding the time that deer feeding is prohibited as described in paragraph A, the person places or makes available quantities of salt or any other bait or food so large that a portion remains during the period that feeding is prohibited.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Removal of excess bait. Any remaining salt, bait or food put in place by machine to entice deer must be removed prior to the date established under subsection 9, paragraph A.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill adds the 2 months prior to deer season to the period during which deer may not be fed or baited. It includes the distribution of excess quantities of deer food, salt and bait to the definition of illegal deer baiting and requires that excess quantities of food, salt and bait for deer placed by machines be removed prior to the beginning of the expanded time that deer feeding is prohibited.

LDs are introduced in sequential number.

introduction

← LD title

← Which of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committees will hold a public hearing.

← Text of the LD.

← This is the sponsor's (or bill drafter's) explanation of the purpose of the LD.

HOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT ISSUES OR LEGISLATION IMPORTANT TO YOU

Where to look:

Maine newspapers, internet, radio and TV all report on important legislation. Most education, health and environmental organizations have monthly newsletters. Many have advocates in the State House with access to up-to-date information. Your legislator will be pleased to help you track down legislation and provide you with copies of any bills. The Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library is also available online at www.state.me.us/legis/lawlib/pubns.htm.

Who to call:

You can also write or call Legislative Information, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04330-0100, telephone (207) 287-1692, or visit www.maine.gov/legis/lis/staff.htm for additional options. Individual copies of any bill (LD) are available free of charge by contacting the Legislative Document Room, 2 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0002, telephone: (207) 287-1408 or by visiting www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_124th/billtexts/.

How to stay current:

There are official legislative publications available in public libraries and at town offices. Your legislator has access to them and can help you obtain information.

HOUSE & SENATE DAILY CALENDARS – The agenda of each chamber, which is printed daily during the session and is also referred to as the “Advance Journal and Calendar.”

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT – A weekly publication that lists by LD #, H.P# or S.P # all bills printed, including the full title of the LD and the sponsor. It also lists all bills that have been enacted.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE – The Public Hearing Schedule, a.k.a. Advance Notice of Public Hearing (ANPH), lists all bills scheduled for public hearing by legislative committees during legislative session and is published weekly. If you have a question regarding the time or place of a public hearing you may call Legislative Information at (207) 287-1692 or online at <http://www.maine.gov/legis/senate/Hearings.html>. Once the legislature has convened, committees have been formed and bills have been referred, public hearings are held. This is the procedure whereby interested members of the public are invited to come forward with testimony on a LD.

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR – This publication lists meetings and hearings of departments, commissions, boards, and task forces, as well as meetings of legislative committees when the legislature is not in session.

HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

Letters are extremely effective. Address them to “House of Representatives, 2 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0002,” to reach your Representative and “Senate of Maine, 3 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0003” to reach your Senator. Please include your name and address so that the legislator can respond. Personal visits are also valuable. Personal postcards, phone calls and well written letters all help. Be sure to tell your legislator why you support or oppose a measure. Representatives can be reached toll free at 1-800-423-2900 and Senators at 1-800-423-6900.

WHEN TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR

Each bill (LD) is referred to one of the Legislature’s Joint Standing Committees (for example: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Labor; Taxation, etc.) which holds an advertised public hearing which you may attend. In addition, each bill (LD) in most instances appears on the floor of the House and Senate a total of at least six days before final passage by the Legislature. There is ample time to let your legislators know your feelings but the sooner the better.

TYPES OF LEGISLATION

EMERGENCY BILLS & RESOLVES – Require 101 votes in the House and 24 votes in the Senate and become law upon signature of the Governor.

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS – Amending the Constitution requires 2/3 vote of each branch of the Legislature and a vote by the people.

REGULAR BILLS AND RESOLVES – Require a majority vote by each branch of the Legislature, approval by the Governor and become law 90 days after the Legislature adjourns “without day”.