**An Act To Simplify the Any-deer Permit Distribution System by Including the Ability To Purchase Additional Permits**

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

**Sec.** **1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 427, §10 and affected by §19, is amended by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:

If the commissioner establishes by rule a lottery system for issuing antlerless deer permits to eligible persons, the commissioner may also allow for the direct purchase of additional antlerless deer permits in certain wildlife management districts or portions of wildlife management districts as the commissioner finds necessary to maintain balanced deer populations.

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to offer for direct purchase antlerless deer permits in certain wildlife management districts as the commissioner finds necessary based on deer populations and deer health.