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An Act to Ban the Hunting of Animals in Enclosed Areas

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, SAYRE of Kennebunk, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1332**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 249, §1, is further amended to
3 read:

4 **§1332. Animal Industry Fund**

5 The Treasurer of State shall establish a separate account known as the Animal Industry
6 Fund. This fund does not lapse but must be carried forward. ~~Except as provided in section~~
7 ~~1346, license~~ License fees collected under section 1333, ~~subsection 3 and license and~~
8 ~~tagging fees collected under section 1342, subsections 3 and 4 and section 1342-A~~ must be
9 deposited in the account. Funds from this account may be used to pay for administrative
10 costs associated with licenses issued under section 1333, ~~1342 and 1342-A~~, tags
11 ~~issued under section 1342~~ and other costs associated with administration and enforcement
12 of this chapter ~~and chapter 202-A~~.

13 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1333, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 386, §6, is amended to
14 read:

15 **2. License.** The commissioner may issue a license for the propagation, possession,
16 purchase or sale of cervids. A holder of a license issued pursuant to this subsection may
17 raise cervids at any season of the year. The fee for a license is \$20 a year. ~~Except as~~
18 ~~provided in section 1346, a~~ A license fee must be deposited in the Animal Industry Fund
19 established in section 1332.

20 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA c. 202-A**, as amended, is repealed.

21 **Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §1751, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 146, §1, is further
22 amended to read:

23 As used in this chapter and chapters 201, 202, ~~202-A~~, 207, 301 and 305, unless the
24 context otherwise indicates, the following words have the following meanings.

25 **Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §1751, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 386, §13, is further
26 amended to read:

27 **2. Domestic animals.** "Domestic animals" means cattle, equines, goats, sheep, swine,
28 cats, dogs, domesticated cervids or other domesticated animals; ~~large game as defined in~~
29 ~~section 1341, subsection 5;~~ and poultry.

30 **Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §1752**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 386, §14, is further amended to
31 read:

32 **§1752. Rules**

33 The commissioner shall adopt rules that are necessary for the enforcement of chapters
34 201, 202, ~~202-A~~, 207, 301, 303 and 305. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
35 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

36 **Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §4011, sub-§1, ¶G**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 115, §15, is further
37 amended to read:

38 G. Hunts, traps or sells for the purpose of hunting any animal, except as permitted
39 pursuant to ~~chapter 202-A~~ and Title 12, Part 13, and excluding humane trapping of
40 animals for population control efforts or animal control pursuant to this Part;

