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**An Act To Establish a Special Handgun Hunting Season That  
Coincides with the Muzzle-loading Open Season on Deer**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§28-A** is enacted to read:

3 **28-A. Handgun.** "Handgun" has the same meaning as set forth in Title 25, section  
4 2002, subsection 8-A.

5 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§44,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
6 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

7 **44. Open firearm season on deer.** "Open firearm season on deer" means the time  
8 during which it is lawful to hunt deer with a firearm, including the special muzzle-loading  
9 season as described in section 11404 and the special handgun open season described in  
10 section 11405.

11 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§§10 and 11** are enacted to read:

12 **10. Special handgun permit; issuance and agent's fee.** Clerks or other agents  
13 appointed by the commissioner to issue special handgun permits to hunt during the  
14 special handgun open season established in section 11405 must charge a fee of \$1 for  
15 each special handgun permit issued. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each  
16 special handgun permit issued by department employees.

17 **11. Special handgun permits and fees.** Special handgun permits and fees to hunt  
18 during the special handgun open season established in section 11405 are as follows:

19 A. A resident special handgun permit is \$13; and

20 B. A nonresident special handgun permit is \$69.

21 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§3, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 163, §1 and  
22 affected by §3, is amended to read:

23 A. One deer during either the regular open firearm season ~~or~~ the regular archery-  
24 only season ~~or~~ the special muzzle-loading season or the special handgun open season  
25 in accordance with sections 11401, 11403 ~~and~~ 11404 and 11405, respectively;

26 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11401, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 134, §1, is  
27 further amended to read:

28 A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and sections 10952, 11152, 11403  
29 ~~and~~ 11404 and 11405 or by rule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section  
30 11402, subsection 4, there is an open season for deer in each calendar year in all  
31 counties of the State between September 15th and December 20th annually. In a year  
32 that the regular season extends beyond November 30th, the regular season must start  
33 no later than the 4th Monday preceding Thanksgiving.

34 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11405** is enacted to read:

