

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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H.P. 502 - L.D. 777

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study
Lengthening the Muzzle-loading Season for Deer in Certain Wildlife
Management Districts**

Sec. 1. Study of muzzle-loading season for deer and expanding season in certain wildlife management districts. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall study lengthening the muzzle-loading season for deer beyond the 6-day season currently established in department rule in additional wildlife management districts in the State where winter conditions are less severe.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that includes an overview of the study findings pursuant to section 1 and any recommendations to identify additional wildlife management districts where the length of the special muzzle-loading season on deer could be extended. The report must include a map identifying the muzzle-loading season for deer in each wildlife management district in the State and highlight on the map wildlife management districts that are currently permitted by rule to have a longer season than 6 days, wildlife management districts that the department determines could have an extended season and wildlife management districts that the department determines should continue to have a 6-day season. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.