



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 116

LR 98(03)

An Act Relating to the Hunting of Antlerless Deer

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-903)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$811,044	\$811,044	\$811,044
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$811,044	\$811,044	\$811,044

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, antlerless deer are harvested by issuing free any-deer permits, which allow hunters to take either an antlered or antlerless deer in designated wildlife management districts. This bill ends the use of the free any-deer permit and creates a \$12 antlerless deer permit. Revenue from the permits will be credited to the Deer Management Fund (DMF) in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be used to acquire and manage deer wintering habitat. Using an estimate of 67,587 permits, the new \$12 fee will generate \$811,044 annually beginning in fiscal year 2022-23. The bill includes a corresponding allocation to allow expenditure of the additional revenue.