

# SENATE . . . . No. 669

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME TO REGULATE THE HUNTING OF DEER.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 131 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out section 80, as ap-  
3 pearing in section 2 of chapter 599 of the acts of 1941,  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following section: —  
5 *Section 80.* No person, except as otherwise pro-  
6 vided in this chapter, shall hunt or have in his posses-  
7 sion a deer except as provided in this section.

8 The director shall declare an open season on deer  
9 in any county where such an open season seems ad-  
10 visable, and may make rules and regulations relating  
11 to the time and length of open season, bag limit,  
12 possession limit, and all other matters connected with  
13 such open season, as he may deem necessary or ex-  
14 peditent, and may suspend or modify the open season  
15 and all matters pertaining thereto whenever in his  
16 opinion such action is necessary.

17 Rules and regulations made under this section  
18 shall be subject to the approval of the board described  
19 in section two of chapter twenty-one, not less than  
20 three members of which, together with the director,  
21 shall hold a public hearing with regard thereto in ac-  
22 cordance with the provisions of section thirty-seven A  
23 of chapter thirty and such rules and regulations shall  
24 be subject to the provisions of section thirty-seven of  
25 said chapter.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section eighty of  
2 chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General  
3 Laws, as in effect immediately prior to the effective  
4 date of this act, shall remain in full force and effect  
5 until and unless the rules and regulations authorized  
6 by section eighty of said chapter one hundred and  
7 thirty-one as amended by section one of this act, are  
8 promulgated.