

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 531) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to further regulate deer hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING DEER HUNTING.

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. Section 70 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line
3 11 by inserting after the word "five" the following:—
4 , provided, that the director shall promulgate regulations autho-
5 rizing persons who hold a valid license to carry firearms and who
6 purchase a Primitive Pistol Firearms Stamp to hunt deer with a
7 closed-breech muzzleloading pistol during the same periods of
8 time specified in 321 CMR 3.02(4)(b)(3) and 321 CMR
9 3.02(4)(b)(4).

1 SECTION 2. The first sentence of the second paragraph of
2 section 13 of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby amended
3 in line 17 by striking out the words "exclusive primitive firearm
4 season on deer" and inserting in place thereof the following:—
5 exclusive primitive firearm season on deer, which shall include
6 the use of closed-breech muzzleloading pistols as provided in the
7 second paragraph of section seventy,

1 SECTION 3. The second sentence of the second paragraph of
2 said section 13 of said chapter 131, as so appearing, is hereby
3 amended by inserting in line 23 after the word "necessary" the
4 following:—

5 , provided that the director shall issue a stamp known as the
6 Primitive Pistol Firearms Stamp that shall be required to hunt deer
7 with a closed-breech muzzleloading pistol, as provided in the
8 second paragraph of section seventy