



# Deer Act 1991

## CHAPTER 54

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#### *Offences relating to deer*

- 1 Poaching of deer.
- 2 Taking or killing of certain deer in close season.
- 3 Taking or killing of deer at night.
- 4 Use of prohibited weapons and other articles.
- 5 Attempts to commit certain offences, etc.
- 6 General exceptions to certain provisions of this Act.
- 7 Exceptions for occupiers etc. of land where deer are.
- 8 Exceptions for licensed persons
- 9 Penalties for offences relating to deer.

#### *Offences relating to venison etc.*

- 10 Offences relating to sale and purchase etc. of venison.
- 11 Licensed game dealers to keep records.

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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — Close seasons

### SCHEDULE 2 — Prohibited firearms and ammunition

#### *Firearms*

- 1 Any smooth-bore gun.
- 2 Any rifle having a calibre of less than .240 inches...
- 3 Any air gun, air rifle or air pistol.

#### *Ammunition*

- 4 Any cartridge for use in a smooth-bore gun.
- 5 Any bullet for use in a rifle other than a...

### SCHEDULE 3 — FORM OF RECORD TO BE KEPT BY LICENSED GAME DEALERS

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### SCHEDULE 4 — Enactments repealed

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 9(1) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 43](#)
- s. 10(3) words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)