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House of Representatives, December 22, 2003

**An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Increase the Number of Moose Permits in High-accident
Areas**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and

Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, DUDLEY of Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town, HATCH of Skowhegan, LESSARD of Topsham, PATRICK of Rumford, WOTTON of Littleton,

Senator: HATCH of Somerset.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11553** is enacted to read:

6 **§11553. Moose management within high-accident areas**

8 Notwithstanding section 11552, the commissioner may suspend
10 the rule-making procedure to respond to the need to increase the
12 number of moose permits within an area that is experiencing a
14 significant increase in the number of accidents involving a
16 vehicle colliding with a moose.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
22 Wildlife the authority to forgo the rule-making procedure when
24 responding to the need to increase the moose harvest due to an
26 increase in moose-related vehicle accidents.