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L.D. 881
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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 655, L.D. 881, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Super Pack License Holders in Antlerless Deer Permit Lotteries"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for its provisions to take effect before the 2019 deer hunting season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 252, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Antlerless deer permit. A super pack license includes:

A. An antlerless deer permit as provided under section 11152, except that it is valid only for antlerless deer in wildlife management districts in which at least 3,500 antlerless deer permits are issued. No more than 2.5% of those antlerless deer permits may be in the form of a super pack license. The commissioner shall implement a system for issuing antlerless deer permits under this paragraph; and

B. An opportunity to enter a bonus antlerless-only deer permit lottery established by the commissioner by rule pursuant to section 11152.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 If a super pack licensee obtains an antlerless deer permit pursuant to paragraph A, that
2 person is not eligible to obtain an antlerless deer permit through an antlerless deer permit
3 lottery established by the commissioner pursuant to section 1152.

4 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
5 legislation takes effect when approved.'

6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
7 section number to read consecutively.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment replaces the bill and adds an emergency preamble and an emergency
10 clause. It specifies that a person who obtains a super pack license also receives an
11 antlerless deer permit under certain conditions and the opportunity to enter a bonus
12 antlerless-only deer permit lottery. It also allows a super pack licensee to enter an
13 antlerless deer permit lottery if that person does not obtain an antlerless deer permit under
14 certain conditions specified in law.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 (See attached)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 881

LR 778(02)

An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Super Pack License Holders in Antlerless Deer Permit Lotteries

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A^m (H-186)*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill clarifies that the purchase of a super pack license includes one antlerless deer permit to be issued under certain conditions and the opportunity to enter a bonus antlerless-only deer permit lottery for one additional permit. The bill also allows a super pack licensee one additional entry into the bonus antlerless-only deer permit lottery if certain conditions prevent the issuance of the antlerless deer permit included in the super pack license. This bill will not change the total bag limit of two deer or the total number of licenses issued statewide. Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of these changes are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.