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An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1342, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765, §3, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1342, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

4 **5-A. Transfer of license.** A person may not transfer a commercial large game
5 shooting area license without obtaining approval of the commissioner for the transfer.
6 Department approval must be obtained prior to the transfer of the license. The department,
7 at its discretion, may require that the proposed new licensee apply for a new license or may
8 approve the transfer of the existing license upon a satisfactory showing that the proposed
9 new licensee can abide by the license terms and conditions and comply with subsection 2.

10 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §1342-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 249, §6, is amended
11 by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

12 A license issued under this section is for a specific parcel of land and only for the genus
13 and species of large game specified in the license. The requirements and restrictions under
14 section 1342, subsections 3, 4, ~~5~~ 5-A, 6 and 7 and rules adopted under subsection 8 apply
15 to licenses issued under this section. A person issued a license under this section shall
16 establish and maintain the licensed commercial large game shooting area in accordance
17 with section 1342, subsection 2, paragraphs A to E.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry with
20 the final authority on approving a transfer of a commercial large game shooting area
21 license. The bill provides that the proposed new licensee must meet the requirements for
22 licensure as outlined in the statute.