

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-466)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 99, L.D. 106,  
Bill, "AN ACT Establishing an Experimental Open  
Season on Moose."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'12 MRSA §2355-E is enacted to read:

§2355-E. Moose season

1. Open season established. There shall be a controlled  
open season on moose during the year 1975 within the hunting  
district described.

2. Length of season. Any controlled open season on  
moose under this section shall be determined by the commissioner.

3. Districts. There shall be one moose hunting  
district described as follows: All of Units 1 and 2 of  
the Wildlife Management Units, excluding therefrom all of  
Baxter State Park.

4. Hunting permits. The Commissioner of Inland  
Fisheries and Game is authorized to issue not more than 500  
moose hunting permits for Units 1 and 2 for the 1975 season.  
Such domiciled Maine resident permits shall be issued for  
a fee of \$25. A regular hunting license, in addition to  
a moose permit, shall be required to hunt moose. Permits  
shall be chosen by chance drawing. To be eligible for the  
official drawing, at which time such permits shall be drawn,  
it shall be necessary for applicants to file a written  
application to be furnished by the commissioner as soon as  
possible after the effective date of this Act. The fee for

such application shall be \$3 which shall not be refunded.  
No complimentary moose licenses and permits shall be  
issued.

5. Registration of harvested moose.

A. All moose legally harvested must be reported to  
an Inland Fisheries and Game Warden for inspection to  
allow collecting of biological and hunting data. No  
fee shall be assessed for registration.

B. Inland Fisheries and Game Wardens shall register  
each moose reported for registration, and shall attach  
a metal seal to each moose in the manner as directed  
and with materials furnished by the commissioner.

(1) No person shall at any time in any  
manner move or transport any moose, or part  
thereof, unless it is open to view and  
there is securely attached thereto the  
moose tag portion of the hunting license  
bearing the name and address of the  
person who killed the moose. Such a  
moose shall be accompanied by him while  
being moved or transported.

(2) Any person killing a moose under  
this section shall present it for  
registration to an Inland Fisheries and  
Game Warden and that moose shall be  
registered in his name.

(3) No person shall present a moose for  
registration or allow to be registered  
in his name any moose which he himself  
did not lawfully kill.

C. No person shall keep a moose at his home,  
or at any place of storage, except at the office  
of an Inland Fisheries and Game Warden, more  
than 12 hours unless that moose has been legally  
registered.

D. Prior to presenting a moose for  
registration, it shall be unlawful for any  
person to possess or to leave in the fields or  
forests a moose which he has killed which does  
not have securely attached thereto,

the moose tag portion of his hunting license bearing his full name and address. Any moose so found, to which the moose tag portion of that license has not been attached, shall be seized and disposed of as directed by the commissioner.

6. Bag limit. The bag limit shall be one moose of either sex per licensed moose hunter.

7. Authority of commissioner. The commissioner is authorized to issue applications for moose hunting permits, issue permits and make all rules and regulations pertaining thereto.

8. Hunting animals other than moose in designated moose area prohibited. It shall be unlawful during the open season on moose to hunt any wild animal within the designated area open to moose hunting.

9. Closing of moose season. If, during the open season on moose, it shall be the opinion of the commissioner that more moose are being killed in the district indicated than is in the best interests of conserving said species, he shall have the authority to terminate such season at once.

10. Fish and game employees prohibited from obtaining moose hunting permits. No employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game shall be eligible to obtain a moose hunting permit during the experimental period.

11. Precedence of this section. Any moose legally taken under this section shall not be in violation of section 2457.

12. Penalties. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder shall be punished, upon conviction, by a mandatory fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both. Also, upon the conviction of any person under this section, the commissioner shall suspend for a period of 3 years all licenses issued to that person by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Fiscal Note

The passage of this Act should bring an approximately increased revenue to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game of \$172,500 for the fiscal year 1975-76.

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes provisions in the bill relating to the establishment of an open season on moose, to the length of that season, to the issuance of moose hunting permits, to the registration of harvested moose, to the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game under this bill, and to the penalties contained in the bill. This amendment also revises the fiscal note.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.  
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