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House of Representatives, March 27, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator ERWIN of Oxford, Representative DUFFY of Bangor and Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Concerning Subpermitting of Moose Hunting Licenses.



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

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- 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1987, c. 742, §9, is further amended to read:
- 4. Hunting permits. The commissioner may issue up to 1,000 moose hunting permits annually and may establish the number of moose hunting permits to be issued for each moose hunting zone. No more than 10% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters. A person whose application is selected may purchase a moose hunting permit upon presentation of proof that he the person possesses:
- A. A valid Maine hunting license, if he <u>the person</u> is a resident of the State; or
 - B. A valid Maine big game hunting license, if he <u>the person</u> is a nonresident or alien.

The fee for a moose hunting permit is \$25 for residents and \$200 for nonresidents and aliens. At the time the permit is obtained, the permittee may designate a subpermittee to hunt with him the permittee. The permittee may choose not to designate a subpermittee and hunt alone, but a subpermittee must always be in the presence of the permittee while hunting moose. That presence must be unaided by visual or audio enhancement devices, including binoculars and citizen band radios. The permittee who has designated a subpermittee may rescind the original designation and designate a different person. The permittee may change the subpermittee only once. An application to change the subpermittee designation must be received by the department at least 5 business days prior to the first day of the moose season. While hunting moose, each nonresident or alien hunter shall be in possession of a valid Maine nonresident or alien big game hunting license, whichever is applicable.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows a moose permit holder to change the designated subpermittee once as long as the change is sought at least 5 days prior to the opening of moose season.