

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1051

S.P. 407

In Senate, April 5, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAUN of Knox (BY REQUEST).

Cosponsored by Representative WALKER of Norway and Senator DILLENBACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Honorably Discharged Maine Veterans of at Least 62 Years
with Special Free Moose Permits.



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

3 **12 MRSA §7463-B is enacted to read:**

5 **§7463-B. Moose permits for veterans**

7 **1. Hunting permits. The commissioner may issue up to 100**
9 **moose hunting permits annually to veterans at no charge.**

11 **2. Eligibility. Any veteran who has an honorable discharge**
13 **from the United States Armed Services, is 62 years or older and**
15 **has purchased a valid hunting license is eligible to obtain a**
17 **moose hunting permit. Any veteran who has obtained a moose**
19 **hunting permit may not obtain another permit until 2 years have**
21 **elapsed since the issuance of the last permit, whether the permit**
23 **was obtained through the veterans drawing as described in**
25 **subsection 4 or the regular drawing.**

27 **3. Application procedure. Eligible persons wishing to**
29 **apply for a permit shall file a written application for a permit**
31 **on a form furnished by the commissioner. The application shall**
33 **be accompanied by a photocopy of the applicant's honorable**
35 **discharge and a copy of the applicant's birth certificate.**

37 **4. Selection procedure. Permittees will be selected by a**
39 **public chance drawing. Alternates will be chosen and may receive**
41 **permits in the event that selected hunters do not purchase**
43 **permits. A list of all names in the drawing shall be kept on**
45 **file at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Any**
47 **name that is not drawn will automatically be in the following**
49 **drawings. Once a name has been drawn, the veteran is no longer**
51 **eligible for a moose permit under this section.**

53 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

55 The purpose of this bill is to allow the Commissioner of
57 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to have a separate drawing for
59 veterans who are 62 years or older, have an honorable discharge
61 and a valid hunting license to obtain moose permits. No more
63 than 100 permits per year will be issued. A veteran will be
65 eligible only once under any particular drawing for a moose
67 permit. Any veteran will have to apply only once for these
69 drawings. If the veteran's name is not drawn, it will
71 automatically be put back for the following year's drawings.