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House of Representatives, February 23, 1993

An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Regulate the Hunting of Moose.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENLAW of Standish. Cosponsored by Representative: SWAZEY of Bucksport.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
4	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 232, is repealed.
6	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
8	1-A. Open and closed season. The commissioner may establish an annual open season on moose, the moose hunting
10	district and hunting zones.
12	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§§2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 118, §2, are repealed.
14 16	Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §§37 and 76, is further amended to read:
18	4. Hunting permits. The commissioner may issue-up-te-1,000 establish the number of moose hunting permits to be issued
20	annually and may establish the number of moose hunting permits to be issued for each moose hunting zone. No more than 10% of the
22 24	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 the person
26	possesses:
28	A. A valid Maine hunting license, if the person is a resident of the State; or
30	B. A valid Maine big game hunting license, if the person is a nonresident or alien.
32 34	The fee for a moose hunting permit is \$25 for residents and \$200 for nonresidents and aliens. While hunting moose, each nonresident or alien hunter, both permittee and subpermittee,
36	shall <u>must</u> be in possession of a valid Maine nonresident or alient big game hunting license, whichever is applicable.
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40	STATEMENT OF FACT
42	Current law establishes the moose hunting district, season length and number of hunting permits as well as other
44	requirements associated with hunting of moose. These provisions restrict the Commissioner of Inland and Fisheries and Wildlife's
46	ability to manage the moose herd throughout the State and are restricting hunting opportunities. This bill gives the
48	commissioner the authority to determine the moose hunting district, season length and the number of permits needed to
50	provide for the effective management of the resource while maximizing hunting opportunity.