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No. 905

H.P. 667

House of Representatives, March 15, 1993

An Act to Distribute the Number of Moose Hunting Permits Based on the Moose Population.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle. Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and

Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, BOWERS of Washington, BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden, COFFMAN of Old Town, DEXTER of Kingfield, FOSS of Yarmouth, GRAY of Sedgwick, LEMONT of Kittery, LIBBY of Buxton, LINDAHL of Northport, MARSHALL of Eliot, PLOWMAN of Hampden, REED of Dexter, SPEAR of Nobleboro, THOMPSON of Lincoln, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, VIGUE of Winslow, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, BUTLAND of Cumberland, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, KIEFFER of Aroostook, SUMMERS of Cumberland, WEBSTER of Franklin.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493,  $\S$ 37 and 76, is further amended to read:

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4. Hunting permits. The commissioner may-issue-up-to-1,000 meese--hunting--permits--annually--and--may--establish--the shall determine annually the total number of moose hunting permits to be-issued and the number of permits for each moose hunting zone that may be issued for that year based on information from the Bureau of Resource Management concerning the moose population. 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 the person possesses:

A. A valid Maine hunting license, if the person is a resident of the State; or

20 22 B. A valid Maine big game hunting license, if the person is a nonresident or alien.

The fee for a moose hunting permit is \$25 for residents and \$200 24 for nonresidents and aliens. While hunting moose, each nonresident or alien hunter, both permittee and subpermittee, 26 shall <u>must</u> be in possession of a valid Maine nonresident or alien big game hunting license, whichever is applicable.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill removes the maximum number of moose hunting permits that may be issued in one year and instead requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to determine annually the total number of moose hunting permits based upon information from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management concerning the moose population.

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