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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 758, L.D. 1025, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Permits"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Permits and Make Other Changes in the Moose Hunting Laws'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 232, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Moose hunting districts and zones. The commissioner may establish one or more moose hunting districts. The commissioner may also establish moose hunting zones within those districts. Physical boundaries must be used to delineate all zones and districts. The boundaries of the districts and zones and the number of permits to be issued for each zone must be made public at least 14 days before application for permits may be made.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 118, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Number of permits. The commissioner may issue moose hunting permits according to the following schedule:

A. In 1994, no more than 1,200 permits;

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B. In 1995, no more than 1,400 permits; and

C. In 1996 and in each year thereafter, no more than 1,500 permits.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 118, §2, is amended to read:

3. Length of season. On or after January 1, 1982, the commissioner may establish open seasons on moose within the moose hunting ~~district~~ districts established by the commissioner under subsection 1-A, provided that the number of hunting days in each year does not exceed 6.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §§37 and 76, is further amended to read:

4. Hunting permits. The In accordance with the provisions of subsections 1-A and 2-A, 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 the person possesses:

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

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 for nonresidents and aliens. While hunting moose, each nonresident or alien hunter, both permittee and subpermittee, shall must be in possession of a valid Maine nonresident or alien big game hunting license, whichever is applicable.

Sec. 7. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 1994.

FISCAL NOTE

1994-95

REVENUES

General Fund \$9,600

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2 Increasing the number of moose hunting permits on a
3 phased-in basis will increase license fee collections of the
4 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The estimated
5 increases of General Fund revenues are \$9,600 in fiscal year
6 1994-95, \$19,200 in fiscal year 1995-96 and \$24,000 in fiscal
7 year 1996-97 and every year thereafter.

8 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur
9 some minor additional costs to process the increased number of
10 moose hunting permits and adopt rules that establish moose
11 hunting districts. These costs can be absorbed within the
12 department's existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill.

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Current law establishes the moose hunting district and
authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
issue up to 1,000 moose permits annually. Under this amendment,
the commissioner is authorized to establish the moose hunting
districts and zones. The amendment also establishes a 3-year,
phased-in increase in the number of moose permits that may be
issued each year: up to 1,200 permits in 1994; up to 1,400
permits in 1995; and up to 1,500 permits in 1996 and beyond.

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The amendment gives the bill an effective date of January 1,
1994.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
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