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S.P. 661

In Senate, February 3, 1994

An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Award 5 Moose Hunting Permits through Public Auction to Fund Youth Conservation Education Programs.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).
Cosponsored by Representatives: HEINO of Boothbay, ROTONDI of Athens.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

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13. Issuance of moose hunting permits to fund youth conservation education programs. Notwithstanding subsection 4, the commissioner may issue not more than 5 moose hunting permits each year through public auction in accordance with the following provisions.

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A. Each moose hunting permit issued under this subsection must be awarded through public auction to the applicant who submits the highest bid.

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B. A person who applies for a moose hunting permit under this subsection is subject to the eligibility provisions of subsection 5, except that a successful applicant is not required to wait 2 years in order to obtain another permit.

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C. An eligible person wishing to apply for a permit under this subsection shall submit a written application in such form as the commissioner may require. The application must be accompanied by a bidding fee of \$25, which, except as otherwise provided in paragraph D, may not be refunded.

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D. An eligible person may apply for a moose hunting permit both through the public chance drawing and in accordance with this subsection. If a person is selected to receive a moose hunting permit as a result of the public chance drawing, that person is no longer eligible to obtain a permit under this subsection and the bidding fee submitted by that person must be refunded.

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E. A moose hunting permit issued under this subsection is valid in the moose hunting zone designated by the permittee. This designation must be made within 30 days after the permit is awarded.

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F. A person who is awarded a moose hunting permit under this subsection may select a subpermittee to participate in the moose hunt as provided in subsection 4-A.

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G. The commissioner may enter into a contract with a conservation organization whose goals and objectives are not inconsistent with those of the department to advertise this process of issuing permits, auction the permits and collect revenues.

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H. Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of chapters 701 to 721 relating to moose are applicable to the hunting of moose with a permit awarded under this subsection.

2 I. All revenues derived from the sale of moose hunting
4 permits under this subsection, including all bidding fees,
6 must be deposited into a special nonlapsing account within
8 the department and that account must be used to pay the
10 costs of administering this process of issuing permits and
12 to fund youth conservation education programs.

14 J. The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the
16 proper administration, implementation, enforcement and
18 interpretation of this subsection.

20 K. Notwithstanding this subsection, the total number of
22 moose hunting permits issued each year must be in accordance
24 with subsection 2-A.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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28 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
30 and Wildlife to sell 5 moose hunting permits through public
32 auction to provide funds for youth conservation education
programs.

This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.