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No. 81

H.P. 56

House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

An Act to Improve the State's Moose Hunt.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PAUL of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHICK of Lebanon,
FISHER of Brewer, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL of Limestone, TUTTLE of Sanford,
VIGUE of Winslow, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Point system for public chance drawing. The department shall adopt rules establishing a point system for applicants for use beginning with the 1997 public chance drawing. This point system gives an applicant for a permit one point for each year the applicant applies for a permit, beginning in 1997. If an unsuccessful applicant applies for a permit in a following year, the applicant receives one additional point for each year the applicant applies until the applicant's name is selected at the public chance drawing. The next time a successful applicant applies for a permit, the successful applicant begins as a new applicant with one point and may accumulate points if unsuccessful. Each point entitles the applicant to one chance in the public chance drawing. Applicants may accumulate an unlimited number of points.

Rules establishing the point system adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

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This bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to change the moose lottery to give applicants who were unsuccessful in previous lotteries a better chance of winning.