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An Act to Amend the Moose Hunting Laws.

(EMERGENCY)

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the moose lottery drawing in April 1999 requires immediate rectification of age-related deficiencies in the moose permit application process; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA 7463-A, sub-55, as amended by PL 1985, c. 18 120, 1 and 2, is further amended to read:

5. Eligibility. Except as provided in this subsection, any Maine resident, nonresident or alien who is eligible to obtain a
Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. No A person who has obtained a moose hunting permit may not obtain another permit until 2 years have elapsed since the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the 30 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

Current law allows a person to apply for a moose hunting permit only if that person is old enough to obtain a hunting license. This bill allows a person who is less than the eligible age to apply for a permit, provided that person reaches the eligible age by the opening of the moose season.