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## An Act to Increase the Period of Ineligibility for the Moose Lottery to 5 years.

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

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#### MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BROOKS of Winterport, DUNLAP of Old Town, HONEY of Boothbay, MENDROS of Lewiston, SAVAGE of Buxton, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c. 324, §1, is further amended to read:

Eligibility. Except as provided in this subsection, any 5. 6 Maine resident, nonresident or alien who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine 8 hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is 10 eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. A person who has obtained obtains a moose hunting permit and is successful in the taking of a moose may not obtain another permit until 2 5 years 12 have elapsed since the issuance of the last permit. This 14 limitation does not apply to subpermittees or a person who obtains a permit but is not successful in the taking of a moose. 16 A person who obtained a moose hunting permit in the previous year but was unsuccessful in the taking of a moose is automatically eligible for participation in the next regular public chance 18 drawing.

- Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§13, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 577, §1, is amended to read:
- 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 5 years in order to obtain another permit.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect for the 2004 open 30 moose season.

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#### **SUMMARY**

This bill increases the period of ineligibility for the moose lottery from 2 years to 5 years for a person who was successful in the taking of a moose during the previous open moose season. It also provides for automatic eligibility in the public chance drawing for any person who obtained a moose hunting permit during the previous open moose season but was unsuccessful in the taking of a moose.