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**An Act To Establish a Complimentary Moose Permit Drawing for
100% Disabled Veterans**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: COURTNEY of York, HOBBS of York, ROSEN of Hancock,
Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, FLETCHER of Winslow.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

3 **14. Resident disabled veteran moose permit.** The commissioner shall establish a
4 special complimentary moose hunting permit drawing for resident disabled veterans. The
5 commissioner shall enter an applicant's name in the drawing if the commissioner
6 determines the applicant is a resident disabled veteran and is not otherwise ineligible to
7 hold a moose hunting permit. For the purposes of this subsection, "resident disabled
8 veteran" means a person who:

9 A. Is a resident as defined in section 10001, subsection 53;

10 B. Is a veteran as defined in Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 2, paragraph A,
11 subparagraph (3); and

12 C. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 100% as a result of honorable
13 military service and who has served in a combat zone during any armed conflict in
14 which participants were exposed to war-risk hazards as defined in 42 United States
15 Code, Section 1711 (b).

16 Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets
17 the requirements of this subsection. A person issued a complimentary moose hunting
18 permit under this subsection is subject to all applicable laws and rules adopted pursuant to
19 this Part.

20 The commissioner shall determine the number of moose hunting permits issued under this
21 subsection but the number issued may not exceed 2% of the total moose hunting permits
22 issued annually pursuant to section 11551.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill establishes a special complimentary moose permit drawing for resident
25 veterans who are 100% disabled and served in a combat zone. It authorizes the
26 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to determine the number of permits to be
27 allotted for the special drawing but limits the number to no more than 2% of the total
28 number of permits issued annually during the regular moose permit drawing.