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### An Act To Expand Super Pack License Opportunities

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Gardiner.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, GIFFORD  
of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal, McFADDEN of Dennysville, SAVIELLO of Wilton,  
THIBODEAU of Winterport.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 477, §4, is  
3 amended to read:

4           **1. Moose lottery chances.** A super pack license includes, upon application, 6  
5 chances in the moose lottery under section 11154, subsection 6, and the super pack  
6 licensee is eligible to accumulate points pursuant to section 11154, subsection 8 except  
7 that accumulated points may not be eliminated if, in any year, that person fails to  
8 purchase a new chance.

9           **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c.  
10 492, §1, is amended to read:

11           **2. Antlerless deer permit.** A super pack license includes:

12           A. The opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery pursuant to section  
13 11152 as afforded by a license contained within the super pack license subject to the  
14 conditions and restrictions placed on that license; and

15           B. An antlerless deer permit as provided under section 11152, except that it is valid  
16 only for antlerless deer in wildlife management districts in which at least ~~5,000~~ 3,500  
17 antlerless deer permits are issued. No more than 2.5% of those antlerless deer  
18 permits may be in the form of a super pack license. The commissioner shall  
19 implement a system for issuing antlerless deer permits under this subsection.

20           A super pack licensee that receives an antlerless deer permit pursuant to this subsection  
21 may take a 2nd deer either antlered or antlerless under that permit.

22           **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 492, §§2 and 3,  
23 is further amended to read:

24           **3. Harvest of 6 deer.** Notwithstanding section 11501, a super pack license  
25 authorizes the holder to take:

26           A. One deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery-only  
27 season or the special muzzle-loading season in accordance with sections 11401,  
28 11403 and 11404, respectively;

29           B. ~~One~~ Two deer in accordance with subsection 2, ~~paragraph B~~; and

30           C. ~~Three~~ One antlered deer and 2 antlerless deer during the special archery season in  
31 accordance with section 11402, subsection 4.

32           **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
33 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

34           **8. Point system for public chance drawing.** The department shall adopt rules to  
35 allow a person to accumulate one point for each consecutive year that person purchases  
36 an application for a moose hunting permit but is not selected to receive a permit. Each  
37 point entitles that applicant to one chance in the public chance drawing. A Except as  
38 provided in section 11109-A, subsection 1, a person's accumulated points are eliminated

1 if, in any year, that person is selected to receive a permit or that person fails to purchase a  
2 new chance. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in  
3 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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#### SUMMARY

5 This bill provides that a super pack licensee is eligible for moose lottery bonus points  
6 and, unlike other license holders, accumulated bonus points are not eliminated if that  
7 person fails to purchase a new lottery chance the following year. It also expands the  
8 number and type of deer a super pack license holder is eligible to harvest.