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H.P. 706

House of Representatives, March 17, 2009

An Act To Protect Moose Populations and Hunting Opportunities

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DAVIS of Sangerville, SARTY of Denmark, SHAW of Standish, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10262** is enacted to read:

3 **§10262. Moose Fund**

4 The Moose Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the
5 department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in
6 funding research relating to moose. Five percent of the money raised from the public
7 chance drawing for moose hunting permits pursuant to section 11154 must be deposited
8 in the fund and used by the commissioner to develop and maintain an accurate estimate of
9 the moose population. Ten percent of the money raised from the public chance drawing
10 for moose hunting permits pursuant to section 11154 must be deposited in the fund and
11 used by the commissioner for general research relating to moose, including, but not
12 limited to, the health of the moose herd. The commissioner may accept and deposit into
13 the fund monetary gifts, donations and other contributions from public or private sources
14 for the purposes specified in this section. The fund must be held separate and apart from
15 all other money, funds and accounts. Money in the fund may be used only for the
16 purposes specified in this section.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill establishes the Moose Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and
19 Wildlife to be used to fund or assist in funding research relating to moose. Five percent
20 of the money raised from the public chance drawing for moose hunting permits must be
21 deposited in the fund and used to develop and maintain an accurate estimate of the moose
22 population. Ten percent of the money raised from the public chance drawing for moose
23 hunting permits must be deposited in the fund and used for general research relating to
24 moose, including, but not limited to, the health of the moose herd.