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An Act To Amend the Current Moose Permit System and Preference Point System in Maine

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§6, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III,
3 §10, is further amended to read:

4 A. For a resident:

5 (1) Seven dollars for a one-chance application;

6 (2) Twelve dollars for a 3-chance application. A resident must possess a valid
7 big game hunting license to be eligible to purchase a 3-chance application; and

8 (3) Twenty-two dollars for a 6-chance application. A resident must possess a
9 valid big game hunting license to be eligible to purchase a 6-chance application.
10 A person may purchase an additional unlimited number of chances for \$3 per
11 chance when purchasing a 6-chance application under this subparagraph; or

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

13 **8-A. Maximum-point drawing.** Before the public chance drawing is held under
14 subsection 9, a maximum-point drawing must be held to award 500 permits. To be
15 eligible for this drawing a person must have the maximum number of points possible
16 accumulated pursuant to subsection 8 and each person has one chance in the drawing.

17 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§8-B** is enacted to read:

18 **8-B. Resident high-point drawing.** After the maximum-point drawing is held
19 under subsection 8-A and before the public chance drawing is held under subsection 9, a
20 resident high-point drawing must be held to award 1/3 of the number of permits for the
21 year minus 500 awarded under subsection 8-A. To be eligible for this drawing a person
22 must be eligible for a resident license, must have at least 7 points accumulated pursuant to
23 subsection 8 and may not have been awarded a permit under subsection 8-A. Each
24 eligible person has the same number of chances in the drawing as the number of points
25 accumulated by that person.

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

28 **9. Selection procedure.** Permittees Except as otherwise provided in this section,
29 permittees are selected by a public chance drawing.

30 To be eligible for the public chance drawing, a person may not have been awarded a
31 permit under subsection 8-A or 8-B. Each eligible person has the number of chances
32 purchased under subsection 6 plus one chance for each point accumulated pursuant to
33 subsection 8.

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill amends the law governing the public drawings for moose hunting permits.
36 This bill allows for the purchase of an unlimited number of chances in the so-called
37 moose lottery after the purchase of a 6-chance application. The bill also implements 2

1 special permit drawings before the public chance drawings. The first, with 500 permits
2 awarded, is for those who have the maximum amount of bonus points accumulated
3 because they have consistently applied for and never received a moose hunting permit.
4 The 2nd, with 1/3 of the remaining available permits, is for residents who have 7 or more
5 points accumulated.