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House of Representatives, February 18, 2011

### **An Act To Establish the Moose Biologist Fund To Support a Moose Biologist Position**

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLETTE of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville,  
HARVELL of Farmington, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10263** is enacted to read:

3 **§10263. Moose Biologist Fund**

4 The Moose Biologist Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established  
5 within the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund a  
6 moose biologist position within the department. One dollar from each moose hunting  
7 permit application fee under section 11154, subsection 6 must be deposited in the fund.  
8 The commissioner may accept and deposit into the fund monetary gifts, donations or  
9 other contributions from public or private sources for the purposes specified in this  
10 section. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and  
11 accounts.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 186, §4, is further  
13 amended to read:

14 **6. Application procedure.** An eligible person wishing to apply for a permit must  
15 file a written application for a permit on a form furnished by the commissioner. The  
16 application fee is nonrefundable. A person may file no more than one application. A  
17 person who submits more than one application is disqualified from the selection of  
18 permittees. The application must be accompanied by an application fee of:

19 A. For a resident:

20 (1) ~~Seven~~ Eight dollars for a one-chance application;

21 (2) ~~Twelve~~ Thirteen dollars for a 3-chance application. A resident must possess  
22 a valid big game hunting license to be eligible to purchase a 3-chance  
23 application; and

24 (3) ~~Twenty-two~~ Twenty-three dollars for a 6-chance application. A resident  
25 must possess a valid big game hunting license to be eligible to purchase a 6-  
26 chance application; or

27 B. For a nonresident:

28 (1) ~~Fifteen~~ Sixteen dollars for a one-chance application;

29 (2) ~~Twenty-five~~ Twenty-six dollars for a 3-chance application;

30 (3) ~~Thirty-five~~ Thirty-six dollars for a 6-chance application; and

31 (4) ~~Fifty-five~~ Fifty-six dollars for a 10-chance application; multiple 10-chance  
32 options may be purchased.

33 A clerk or agent appointed by the commissioner under section 10801 may process an  
34 application under this subsection. The clerk or agent shall charge a fee of \$2 for each  
35 application under this subsection processed by that clerk or agent.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill establishes the Moose Biologist Fund to fund a moose biologist position within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Moose hunting permit application fees are increased by \$1 and that amount is dedicated to the Moose Biologist Fund.

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