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House of Representatives, January 31, 2013

An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade. Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CHASE of Wells, COTTA of China, MAKER of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, SHAW of Standish, Senator: THOMAS of Somerset.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 252, §1 and affected by §2 and amended by c. 370, §3 and corrected by RR 2011, c. 1, §16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§11109-A. Comprehensive license

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Except as otherwise provided in this section, a comprehensive license includes all licenses and permits issued under this Part to hunt and fish all legal game and fish species during any open season on that species, subject to the restrictions placed on the equivalent individual licenses or permits for those species. An individual license or permit contained in the comprehensive license is not valid unless the holder of the comprehensive license has met the eligibility requirements for that specific license or permit and is not otherwise prohibited from holding that license or permit. A person may be issued a comprehensive license without meeting the specific requirements of an individual license or permit contained in the comprehensive license, but that license or permit is invalid until the license holder meets the eligibility requirements for that particular license or permit. All restrictions, bag limits and conditions on hunting and fishing apply to the holder of a comprehensive license.

- 1. Entry into hunting lotteries. A comprehensive license includes an entry into the following lotteries as afforded by a license contained within the comprehensive license, subject to the conditions and restrictions placed on that license:
- A. One chance in the moose lottery under section 11154, subsection 6; and
- B. An opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery pursuant to section 11152.
- A comprehensive license holder must apply for entry into each lottery separately.
- **4. Licenses and permits not included.** A comprehensive license does not include:
- A. A license or permit under subchapters 13 and 15;
- B. A license or permit under chapter 917;
- 28 <u>C. A permit or certificate under chapter 921;</u>
- D. A license or permit under chapter 923, subchapter 2, except it does include licenses issued to fish pursuant to section 12501;
- E. A license or permit under chapter 923, subchapter 3;
- F. A license under chapter 927;
- 33 G. A permit under section 12704; or
- 34 H. A moose permit under section 11154.
- 5. Fee. The fee for a comprehensive license is \$35 for a resident, \$125 for a nonresident and \$125 for an alien.

1 2	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11403, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2007, c. 163, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:
3 4 5	C. Except as provided in section 11109 A, subsection 3, if a A person who takes a deer with bow and arrow during the regular archery-only season on deer, that person is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.
6	SUMMARY
7 8 9 10	This bill eliminates the super pack license and replaces it with a comprehensive license that includes all hunting and fishing licenses and permits and entries into the moose and antlerless deer lotteries. The comprehensive license differs from the super pack license in that:
11 12	1. The holder is not allowed to take more deer than is permitted for other hunting license holders;
13 14	2. The license does not include an antlerless deer permit for use in wildlife management districts in which 3,500 such permits are issued;
15	3. The resident fee for the license is \$35 instead of \$200;
16	4. The license is available to nonresidents and aliens for a fee of \$125; and
17 18	5. There is no license fee category for a person who holds 2 or more lifetime licenses.