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House of Representatives, March 12, 2013

An Act To Assist Hunters Transporting Animals for Registration

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, DAVIS of Sangerville, GIFFORD of
Lincoln, LONG of Sherman, NOON of Sanford, SHAW of Standish, TIMBERLAKE of
Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12304-A, sub-§§2 and 3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt.
3 B, §232 and affected by §422, are amended to read:

4 **2. Exceptions.** A person may present a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey for
5 registration as follows:

6 ~~A. The viscera and rib cage of the animal may be removed in a manner that permits~~
7 ~~determination of the sex of the animal; and~~

8 A-1. If the head of the animal or an animal's antlers are removed or if the animal is
9 cut and wrapped for ease of transportation, evidence for determination of the sex of
10 the animal must remain naturally attached to the hide of the animal or to the carcass
11 of the animal and must remain attached until the carcass is:

12 (1) At the final place of storage;

13 (2) At a commercial meat processing facility; or

14 (3) At a licensed taxidermist.

15 ~~B. A moose may be dismembered for ease of transportation, and the lower legs, head~~
16 ~~and hide of a moose may be removed.~~ If the head of a moose is not brought to the
17 registration station, a canine tooth or the lower jaw also must be presented at the time
18 of registration.

19 **3. Disposal of animal parts not presented for registration.** A person may not
20 place the parts of ~~a moose~~ an animal not presented for registration where they are visible
21 to a person traveling on a public or private way.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill changes the requirements for the condition of a big game animal before
24 being presented for registration. It allows for transporting dismembered carcasses if
25 certain criteria are met.