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An Act To Improve Moose Hunting

(EMERGENCY)

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

R(+ B. Hunt

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Presented by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade. Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, LYFORD of Eddington, POULIOT of Augusta.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the 2017 moose lottery permit deadline; and
- 5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,

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

10 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 370, §5, is further 11 amended to read:

12 5. Eligibility. Except as provided in this subsection, a resident, nonresident or alien 13 who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply 14 for a moose hunting permit. Beginning in 2011, a person who has obtained a moose 15 hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit until 3 years have elapsed after the 16 17 issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees under subsection 7. A resident, nonresident or alien under 8 years of age may not hunt moose 18 19 but may purchase an application for a moose hunting permit in order to accrue points 20 pursuant to subsection 8.

21 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 22 legislation takes effect when approved.

23 SUMMARY

This bill specifies that hunters under 8 years of age may not hunt moose but may purchase applications for moose hunting permits in order to accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits.