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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 592, L.D. 843, Bill, "An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

2. Issuance of moose hunting permits. In accordance with section 11552, the commissioner may issue moose hunting permits and may establish the number of moose hunting permits to be issued for each wildlife management district established by the commissioner by rule open to moose hunting. No more than 10% 8% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to nonresident and alien hunters. No more than 2% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to hunting outfitters in accordance with subsection 14.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 538, §24, is amended to read:

14. Permits for hunting lodges. ~~In any year in which the total number of moose permits available as determined by the commissioner under subsection 2 for the public chance drawing under subsection 9 exceeds 3,140, 10% of the permits exceeding 3,140~~ Moose hunting permits issued to hunting outfitters must be allocated through a chance drawing separate from the chance drawing under subsection 9 ~~to hunting outfitters in accordance with this subsection.~~ The fee for a moose hunting permit under this subsection is \$1,500.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "hunting outfitter" means a person who operates a sporting camp as defined under Title 22, section 2491, subsection 11 that is licensed under Title 22, chapter 562 and who provides package deals that include food, lodging and the services of a guide licensed under chapter 927 for the purpose of hunting.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 B. A hunting outfitter may sell or transfer a permit allocated under this subsection
2 only once, only to a hunter who is eligible under paragraph F and only under the
3 following conditions:

4 (1) The sale or transfer must be part of a package deal that includes the food and
5 lodging to be provided by the hunting outfitter to the person receiving the permit;

6 (2) The person receiving the permit from the hunting outfitter must be
7 accompanied during the hunt by a guide licensed under chapter 927;

8 (3) The hunting outfitter must notify the department of the identity of the person
9 receiving the permit; and

10 (4) The hunting permit may not be sold or transferred by the hunter.

11 C. A hunting outfitter may be allocated more than one permit.

12 D. A permit allocated under this subsection may be used only for the year, season,
13 sex and wildlife management district for which the permit is issued.

14 E. Permits allocated under this subsection may not exceed 10% of the total permits
15 issued per year for each season, sex and wildlife management district permit type.

16 F. An individual may hunt with a permit sold or transferred under this subsection
17 only if that individual is otherwise eligible to obtain and hunt with a permit under
18 subsection 5.

19 G. If proceeds in any year from the auction authorized under subsection 11 are less
20 than \$107,000, proceeds from the ~~chance drawing conducted~~ sale of moose permits to
21 hunting outfitters pursuant to this subsection must be used to fund youth conservation
22 education programs as provided under subsection 11 up to \$107,000. The remainder
23 must be deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund under section
24 10263.'

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment reduces the number of moose
27 hunting permits that may be issued to nonresidents from 10% to 8% and allows up to 2%
28 of moose hunting permits to be issued to hunting outfitters instead of basing the number
29 of permits issued to hunting outfitters upon the number of permits available over 3,140,
30 which is the current law.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 843

LR 1491(02)

An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-217)*
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2017-18 | FY 2018-19 | Projections FY 2019-20 | Projections FY 2020-21 |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$20,176 | \$20,176 | \$20,176 | \$20,176 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| General Fund | (\$20,176) | (\$20,176) | (\$20,176) | (\$20,176) |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$58,240 | \$58,240 | \$58,240 | \$58,240 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces the number of moose hunting permits issued to nonresidents from 10% to 8% and changes the number issued to hunting outfitters from 10% of the number of permits that exceed 3,140 (not expected to exceed 3,140 in near future, due to decreased moose population) to 2% of total permits issued. The bill also directs that if the proceeds from the auction of moose hunting permits to fund youth conservation education programs are less than \$107,000, then the proceeds from moose hunting outfitters permits will be used to make up the difference, with the remainder deposited into the Moose Research and Management Fund (MRMF).

The change to hunting outfitters moose hunting permits will increase the number of these permits issued and the amount of revenue to the MRMF. The reduction in permits issued to nonresidents will decrease General Fund and MRMF. Overall, these changes are anticipated to reduce General Fund revenue by an estimated \$20,176 and increase MRMF Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by an estimated \$58,240 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18.