

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 843

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H.P. 592

House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLINGS of Portland,  
HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland, LYFORD of Eddington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 538, §24, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **14. Permits for hunting lodges.** In any year in which the total number of moose  
5 permits available as determined by the commissioner under subsection 2 for the public  
6 chance drawing under subsection 9 exceeds ~~3,140~~ the average number of moose permits  
7 made available in the public chance drawing per year since 1982, 10% of the permits  
8 exceeding ~~3,140~~ that number or 100, whichever is greater, must be allocated through a  
9 chance drawing separate from the public chance drawing under subsection 9 to hunting  
10 outfitters in accordance with this subsection. The fee for a moose hunting permit under  
11 this subsection is \$1,500.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 G. If proceeds in any year from the auction authorized under subsection 11 are less  
36 than \$107,000, proceeds from the chance drawing conducted pursuant to this  
37 subsection must be used to fund youth conservation education programs as provided  
38 under subsection 11 up to \$107,000. The remainder must be deposited in the Moose  
39 Research and Management Fund under section 10263.

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## SUMMARY

This bill amends the law regarding the number of moose permits made available through a chance drawing to hunting outfitters, which is currently calculated as 10% of the number of permits made available in the public chance drawing above 3,140. The bill sets the number of moose permits made available to hunting outfitters at 10% of the number of permits in excess of the average number of permits made available in the public chance drawing per year since 1982 or 100, whichever is greater.