

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 9, 2023

**An Act to Improve the Fairness of Adaptive Management Study
Moose Hunt Permits by Exempting Those Permittees from the 4-
year Limitation on Receiving Another Permit**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: THORNE of Carmel,
WOODSOME of Waterboro.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 427,
3 §14 and affected by §19, is amended to read:

4 **5. Eligibility.** Except as provided in this subsection, a resident or nonresident who is
5 eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting
6 license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose
7 hunting permit. A person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain
8 another permit until the 4th calendar year after the issuance of the last permit. This
9 limitation does not apply to subpermittees under subsection 7 or to permittees who received
10 a permit for a moose hunt between 2019 and 2025 as part of an adaptive management study
11 relating to population density and winter ticks and were unsuccessful. A person under 10
12 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose
13 hunting permit and may accrue points under subsection 8 but is ineligible to receive a
14 moose hunting permit.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill exempts permittees who received a permit for an adaptive management study
17 moose hunt between 2019 and 2025 and were unsuccessful from the requirement that a
18 person who receives a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit for 4
19 years.