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An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 2023. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Robert B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 136, §11 and
3 affected by §12, is further amended to read:

4 **13. Hunting adventure permits for children.** Notwithstanding subsection 6, the
5 commissioner may issue ~~2~~ 5 moose permits to a nonprofit organization or organizations
6 dedicated to providing hunting and fishing adventures to children under 21 years of age
7 with life-threatening, critical or terminal illnesses. At least 3 of the permits issued under
8 this subsection must be issued to an eligible nonprofit organization based in the State, and
9 a child who receives a permit from that organization must be a resident. The commissioner
10 may issue these permits upon written request by an eligible nonprofit organization or
11 organizations but may not issue more than ~~2~~ 5 permits in total for a calendar year. These
12 permits are in addition to the moose hunting permits issued under subsection 2 for each
13 wildlife management district and are at no cost to the organization.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases from 2 to 5 the number of moose hunting permits that may be issued
16 to nonprofit organizations that provide hunting and fishing adventures to children with life-
17 threatening, critical or terminal illnesses and specifies that at least 3 of the permits must be
18 issued to an organization based in the State and given to children who are residents of the
19 State.