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## **STATE OF MAINE**

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

# **TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR**

## H.P. 1314 - L.D. 2052

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

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

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

13. Hunting adventure permits for children. Notwithstanding subsection 6, the commissioner may issue 2.5 moose permits to a nonprofit organization or organizations dedicated to providing hunting and fishing adventures to children under 21 years of age with life-threatening, critical or terminal illnesses. At least 3 of the permits issued under this subsection must be issued to an eligible nonprofit organization based in the State, and a child who receives a permit from that organization must be a resident. The commissioner may issue these permits upon written request by an eligible nonprofit organization or organization or organizations but may not issue more than 2.5 permits in total for a calendar year. These permits are in addition to the moose hunting permits issued under subsection 2 for each wildlife management district and are at no cost to the organization.