

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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**An Act To Ensure Equitable Treatment of Super Pack License Holders in
Antlerless Deer Permit Lotteries**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for its provisions to take effect before the 2019 deer hunting season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 252, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Antlerless deer permit. A super pack license includes:

A. An antlerless deer permit as provided under section 11152, except that it is valid only for antlerless deer in wildlife management districts in which at least 3,500 antlerless deer permits are issued. No more than 2.5% of those antlerless deer permits may be in the form of a super pack license. The commissioner shall implement a system for issuing antlerless deer permits under this paragraph; and

B. An opportunity to enter a bonus antlerless-only deer permit lottery established by the commissioner by rule pursuant to section 11152.

If a super pack licensee obtains an antlerless deer permit pursuant to paragraph A, that person is not eligible to obtain an antlerless deer permit through an antlerless deer permit lottery established by the commissioner pursuant to section 11152.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.