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.

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator: BLACK of Franklin, Representatives: THORNE of Carmel, WOODSOME of Waterboro.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 427, §14 and affected by §19, is amended to read:

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

SUMMARY

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