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An Act To Change the Moose Lottery To Increase the Chances for Resident Hunters

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

8. Point system for public chance drawing. The department shall adopt rules to allow a person to accumulate one point for each consecutive year that person purchases an application for a moose hunting permit but is not selected to receive a permit. Each point entitles that applicant to one chance in the public chance drawing, except that a resident applicant receives 2 chances for each point the resident applicant has accumulated. A person's accumulated points are eliminated if, in any year, that person is selected to receive a permit or that person fails to purchase a new chance. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to allow resident applicants to the moose lottery to receive additional points for each year they fail to receive a permit until they receive a permit.