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## **An Act To Allow a Moose Permit To Be Transferred to a Family Member**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

**15. Moose permit transfer.** A person who holds a valid moose permit may transfer that permit to a family member who meets the eligibility and permit requirements under this section and who is not otherwise prohibited from holding the moose permit. A permittee may transfer a moose permit to a family member until 30 days prior to the start of the applicable moose hunting season. A moose permit may not be transferred more than once. A transferor retains any accumulated points received prior to obtaining a moose permit and is eligible to obtain another moose permit the following year. A transferee is subject to the elimination of any accumulated points under subsection 8 and the 3-year ineligibility period under subsection 5. For purposes of this subsection, "family member" means the transferor's spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, child or adopted child.

The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this subsection and may establish a transfer fee to recover administrative costs associated with transferring moose permits. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes a person who holds a moose permit to transfer that permit to a family member. The bill defines "family member." It also authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to establish an administrative fee to cover costs associated with transferring moose permits.