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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 83, L.D. 101, Bill, “ An Act To Allow a Junior Hunter To Take One Antlerless Deer without an Antlerless Deer Permit”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 (page 1, lines 14 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Junior hunter consideration. An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section may include a provision giving special consideration to persons with a valid junior hunting license. As part of the special consideration to junior hunters, the commissioner shall provide at least 25% of the available antlerless deer permits in a wildlife management district to persons with a valid junior hunting license who apply for an antlerless deer permit in that district.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides priority consideration for antlerless deer permits to persons with a valid junior hunting license. Under current law, eligible landowners receive 25% of the permits and nonresident hunters receive 15% of the permits. Under this amendment, junior hunters receive at least 25% of the antlerless deer permits available in wildlife management districts with available antlerless deer permits.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT