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An Act To Expand Deer Hunting Opportunities for Junior Hunters

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade. Cosponsored by Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, HOBART of Bowdoinham, LYFORD of Eddington, POULIOT of Augusta, STEARNS of Guilford.

H.P. 100

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

2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

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3 5-A. Transfer to a junior hunter. An antierless deer permit holder who is 18 years of age or older may transfer the antlerless deer permit to a person who holds a junior 4 5 hunting license and takes an antlerless deer while in the presence or under the supervision of the antlerless deer permit holder. The antlerless deer permit holder must possess the 6 antlerless deer permit at the time of the taking of the antlerless deer and transfer the 7 permit to the junior hunting license holder by identifying the name and address of the 8 9 transferee on the permit as well as any other information reasonably requested by the 10 commissioner and then return the permit to the department as soon as practical after the taking of the antlerless deer. Once the antlerless deer permit is transferred, the former 11 antlerless deer permit holder loses the right to take an antlerless deer under that permit. 12

SUMMARY

This bill allows an adult holder of an antlerless deer permit to transfer that permit to a holder of a junior hunting license if the holder of the junior hunting license takes an antlerless deer while in the presence or under the supervision of the antlerless deer permit holder. Once the permit is transferred, the adult antlerless deer permit holder loses the right to take an antlerless deer under that permit.