

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

H.P. 395 - L.D. 553

**An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated
at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law allows a resident 70 years of age or older who has accumulated the necessary number of points to be awarded a moose hunting permit without participating in the public chance lottery for a moose permit; and

Whereas, many residents 70 years of age and older are unable to hunt moose at that age; and

Whereas, residents 65 years of age and older are better able to hunt moose if awarded a moose hunting permit; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period so that it takes effect in time for the upcoming moose hunting season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2013, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

9. Selection procedure. Permittees are selected by a public chance drawing, except that a permit must be issued to any resident who is ~~70~~ 65 years of age or older or will attain ~~70~~ 65 years of age during the calendar year in which the resident is applying for the permit, who has accumulated at least 30 points pursuant to subsection 8 and who applies for and is otherwise eligible to obtain the permit.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.