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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 400, L.D. 558, Bill, “An Act To Improve Moose Hunting”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 370, §5, is further amended to read:

**5. Eligibility.** Except as provided in this subsection, a resident, nonresident or alien who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. Beginning in 2011, a person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit until 3 years have elapsed after the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees under subsection 7. A person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points under subsection 8 but is ineligible to receive a moose hunting permit.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 370, §7, is further amended to read:

**7. Subpermittees.** An applicant for a moose permit may indicate on the application filed pursuant to subsection 6 the name of a subpermittee-designate and the name of an alternate subpermittee-designate. A person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season may not be a subpermittee-designate or alternate subpermittee-designate. If the applicant is issued a moose permit under subsection 9 and upon application to the commissioner, the permittee may change that person's subpermittee-designate or alternate subpermittee-designate until 30 days prior to the start of the moose hunting season for which the permit was issued. Thirty days prior to the start of the applicable moose hunting season, the subpermittee-designate becomes a subpermittee. The permittee may authorize the subpermittee to participate in the moose hunt with the permittee. The permittee may authorize the alternate subpermittee-designate to participate in the hunt in place of the subpermittee-designate if

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1 the permittee notifies the department of the authorization at least 5 business days prior to  
2 the first day of the moose season, in which case the alternate subpermittee-designate  
3 becomes the subpermittee. The permittee may choose not to authorize a subpermittee to  
4 participate in the hunt.

5 A. A person may not sell a subpermittee or an alternate subpermittee designation.

6 B. A person who violates paragraph A commits a Class E crime.'

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment provides that hunters under 10 years of age on the opening day of  
9 the open moose season are eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue  
10 points in the public chance drawing for moose permits but are not eligible to receive a  
11 moose hunting permit. The amendment prohibits a person under 10 years of age on the  
12 opening day of the open moose season from being a subpermittee-designate or alternate  
13 subpermittee-designate.