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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 66, L.D. 177, Bill, “An Act To Expand Moose Hunting Opportunities”

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is 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 years of age or older or will attain 70 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.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

**9-A. Permits in road safety management areas.** A person who has been selected as a permittee to hunt in a wildlife management district that the commissioner has designated as a road safety management area and who indicates to the commissioner that the person wishes to decline the permit retains any points accumulated, as long as the person appropriately indicates the intent to decline within a reasonable amount of time after receiving notice from the commissioner of the person's permit and the person's right to decline the permit under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "road safety management area" means a wildlife management district in which the predominant moose management goal is to reduce the moose population to the extent necessary to minimize the danger to motorists.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes the bill and replaces it with a provision requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to alter the moose permit drawing system so that a resident 70 years of age or older who has at least 30 points is guaranteed a permit. The amendment also creates an option for a person to refuse a moose hunting

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1 permit but still retain that person's points if the person has been awarded a permit in a  
2 wildlife management district that the commissioner has designated as a road safety  
3 management area.