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## An Act To Change the Moose Lottery To Increase the Chances for Resident Hunters

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

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Presented by Representative GIFFORD of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HARVELL of Farmington, KENT of Woolwich, LIBBY of Waterboro, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PARRY of Arundel, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 8. Point system for public chance drawing. The department shall adopt rules to allow a person to accumulate one point for each consecutive year that person purchases 5 an application for a moose hunting permit but is not selected to receive a permit. Each 6 point entitles that applicant to one chance in the public chance drawing, except that a 7 resident applicant receives 2 chances for each point the resident applicant has 8 9 accumulated. A person's accumulated points are eliminated if, in any year, that person is selected to receive a permit or that person fails to purchase a new chance. Rules adopted 10 under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, 11 12 subchapter 2-A.

#### SUMMARY

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14 This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to 15 allow resident applicants to the moose lottery to receive additional points for each year 16 they fail to receive a permit until they receive a permit.