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In Senate, February 28, 2013

**An Act To Promote the Northern Maine Economy and Support
Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative WOOD of Sabattus and
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, TUTTLE of York,
Representative: SHAW of Standish.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to provide economic support for certain sporting camps by
6 directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to offer for sale a certain
7 number of moose permits for the camps' use. In order to qualify, a sporting camp must be
8 a facility licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services that offers American
9 plan fully guided taxable moose hunting packages. The moose permits would be
10 transferable and valid for one-time use during the current season or the next season on an
11 American plan fully guided hunt within the eligible camp's zone or up to 2 contiguous
12 zones.

13 The following criteria must be considered when the Department of Inland Fisheries
14 and Wildlife offers the moose permits for sale:

15 1. The total number of moose permits must be greater than the number issued in
16 calendar year 2012;

17 2. All hunters must hold valid Maine hunting licenses;

18 3. The fee per permit is \$1,500;

19 4. The number of permits offered for sale to the sporting camps must be capped at
20 250; and

21 5. The revenue received from the sale of the permits must be used to offset any loss
22 from the moose permit auction by youth conservation education programs.