

1 S.167

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and game; hunting licenses; moose permit

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the commissioner of fish
7 and wildlife to, in his or her discretion, award a moose permit to a person who
8 was unable to hunt under a moose permit in a previous moose hunting season
9 due to illness, injury, or emergency. The bill would also require the
10 commissioner of fish and wildlife to award one moose permit to a specific
11 individual who was unable to hunt under a moose permit due to illness, injury,
12 or emergency.

13 An act relating to the award of moose permits

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4254 is amended to read:

16 § 4254. FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES; ELIGIBILITY, DESIGN,
17 DISTRIBUTION, SALE, AND ISSUE

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19 (i)(1) If the board establishes a moose hunting season, up to five moose
20 permits shall be set aside to be auctioned. The board shall adopt rules

1 necessary for the department to establish, implement, and run the auction
2 process. Proceeds from the auction shall be deposited in the fish and wildlife
3 fund and used for conservation education programs run by the department.
4 Successful bidders must have a Vermont hunting or combination license in
5 order to purchase a moose permit. Beginning with the 2006 hunting season,
6 the five moose permits set aside for auction shall be in addition to the number
7 of annual moose permits authorized by the board.

8 (2) If the board establishes a moose hunting season, there shall be
9 established a program to set aside five moose permits for Vermont residents
10 who have served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the
11 United States and who have been awarded or are eligible to receive a campaign
12 ribbon for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The
13 department of fish and wildlife shall adopt a procedure to implement the set-
14 aside program for veterans who have been awarded or are eligible to receive a
15 campaign ribbon for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom,
16 including a method to award applicants preference points and a method by
17 which veterans who applied for but failed to receive a permit in one hunting
18 season are awarded priority in the subsequent moose hunting season. The
19 procedure adopted under this subdivision shall be consistent with the
20 preference system for the permit auction authorized under subdivision (i)(1) of
21 this section. Veterans awarded a moose permit under this subsection must

1 possess a valid Vermont hunting or combination license in order to purchase a
2 moose permit. The department of fish and wildlife shall coordinate with the
3 department of veterans affairs to provide notice to eligible veterans of the
4 moose permits set-aside under this subsection.

5 (3) If the fish and wildlife board establishes a moose hunting season, the
6 commissioner may, in his or her discretion, award a moose permit to a person
7 who was unable to hunt under a moose permit in a previous moose hunting
8 season due to illness, injury, or emergency. A moose permit issued under this
9 subdivision shall be in addition to the number of annual moose permits
10 authorized by the fish and wildlife board.

11 Sec. 2. AWARD OF MOOSE PERMIT

12 If the fish and wildlife board establishes a moose hunting season in 2010
13 under its authority in 10 V.S.A. § 4254(i)(3), the commissioner shall award at
14 no cost one moose permit to Calvin Noble of Granby, Vermont. As a
15 condition of the award of the permit, Mr. Noble shall be required to obtain a
16 valid Vermont hunting or combination license.

17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.