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H.292

Introduced by Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Brennan of Colchester,
and Potter of Clarendon

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; fishing and hunting licenses; moose
permits

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
program to set aside five moose permits for Vermonters who have served in
any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

An act relating to moose permits for veterans

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

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

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

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(i)(1) If the ~~board~~ Board establishes a moose hunting season, up to five
moose permits shall be set aside to be auctioned. The ~~board~~ Board shall adopt
rules necessary for the ~~department~~ Department to establish, implement, and run
the auction process. Proceeds from the auction shall be deposited in the ~~fish~~

1 ~~and wildlife fund~~ Fish and Wildlife Fund and used for conservation education
2 programs run by the ~~department~~ Department. Successful bidders must have a
3 Vermont hunting or combination license in order to purchase a moose permit.
4 Beginning with the 2006 hunting season, the five moose permits set aside for
5 auction shall be in addition to the number of annual moose permits authorized
6 by the ~~board~~ Board.

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

1 hunting or combination license in order to purchase a moose permit. The
2 ~~department of fish and wildlife~~ Department of Fish and Wildlife shall
3 coordinate with the ~~department of veterans affairs~~ Office of Veterans Affairs to
4 provide notice to eligible veterans of the moose permits set-aside under this
5 subsection.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.