97A.431 MOOSE LICENSES.

Subdivision 1. **Number of licenses; party size.** The commissioner shall include in a rule setting the dates for a moose season:

(1) the number of licenses to be issued; and

(2) the size of a moose hunting party, not to exceed six persons.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** Persons eligible for a moose license shall be determined under this section and commissioner's rule. A person is eligible for a moose license only if the person:

(1) is a resident; and

(2) has not been issued a moose license after January 1, 1991.

Subd. 3. **Application for license.** An application for a moose license must be on a form provided by the commissioner and accompanied by a $4 nonrefundable application fee per person. A person may not make more than one application for each season. If a person makes more than one application, the person is ineligible for a license for that season after determination by the commissioner, without a hearing.

Subd. 4. **Separate selection; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner may conduct a separate selection for up to 20 percent of the moose licenses to be issued for an area. Only owners of, and tenants living on, at least 160 acres of agricultural or grazing land in the area, and their family members, are eligible for the separate selection under this paragraph.

(b) The commissioner must conduct a separate selection for 20 percent of the moose licenses to be issued each year. Only individuals who have applied at least ten times for a moose license and who have never received a license are eligible for this separate selection.

(c) The commissioner may by rule establish criteria for:

(1) determining eligible family members under paragraph (a); and

(2) verifying that an individual has made at least ten unsuccessful applications for the purposes of paragraph (b).

(d) A person who is unsuccessful in a separate selection under this subdivision must be included in the selection for the remaining licenses.

History: *1986 c 386 art 1 s 59; 1987 c 373 s 4; 1991 c 254 art 2 s 28; 1991 c 259 s 23; 1993 c 231 s 20,21; 2000 c 473 s 1; 2000 c 495 s 32; 2008 c 368 art 2 s 21; 2012 c 277 art 1 s 32*