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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 254, L.D. 705, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Junior Hunting License Requirements”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2011, c. 327, §1, is further amended to read:

8. Members of federally recognized nation, band or tribe. The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, to a person, 10 years of age or older, or who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season, who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs that is valid for the life of that person without any charge or fee if the person presents certification from the respective reservation governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person described is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part, including, but not limited to, a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11102, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and repealed and replaced by c. 655, Pt. B, §111 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

§11102. Age limitation for obtaining hunting license

A person under 10 years of age is ineligible to obtain a hunting license, except that a person who is under 10 years of age but who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season is eligible.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11106, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

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1 B. A resident or nonresident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, or
2 who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season, may hunt
3 with bow and arrow if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

4 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11106-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 419, §3 and
5 affected by §12, is amended to read:

6 **2. Junior license.** A resident or nonresident 10 years of age or older and under 16
7 years of age, or who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season,
8 may hunt with a crossbow if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

9 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11107, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. E, §5, is
10 further amended to read:

11 **2. Junior license.** A person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, or
12 who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season, may obtain a
13 muzzle-loading permit from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent if
14 the person possesses a valid junior hunting license.

15 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11108, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 419, §4 and
16 affected by §12, is further amended to read:

17 **1. On certain land.** Notwithstanding section 11109, subsection 1 as it applies to this
18 subchapter, a resident ~~over~~ 10 years of age or older, or who will attain 10 years of age in
19 the calendar year of the hunting season, and a member of the resident's immediate family
20 over 10 years of age, as long as the hunter's license to hunt is not under suspension or
21 revocation, may hunt without a license, including, but not limited to, an archery hunting
22 license, a crossbow hunting license and a muzzle-loading license, on a single plot of land:

- 23 A. To which they are legally entitled to possession;
- 24 B. On which they are actually domiciled;
- 25 C. That is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; and
- 26 D. That is in excess of 10 acres.

27 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶¶A and F,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 213,
28 Pt. OO, §2, are further amended to read:

29 A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and under
30 16 years of age, or who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting
31 season, is \$7. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in subchapter 3, a resident
32 junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other permissions needed to
33 hunt at no additional cost.

34 F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and
35 under 16 years of age, or who will attain 10 years of age in the calendar year of the
36 hunting season, is \$34.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, amends the age
3 limitation for obtaining a hunting license to allow a hunting license to be issued to a
4 person who attains 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season.

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