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House of Representatives, April 12, 2011

An Act Regarding the Right of Native Americans To Be Issued Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CURTIS of Madison, FITTS of Pittsfield, MALONEY of
Augusta, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland,
HASTINGS of Oxford, SULLIVAN of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 195, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **8. Members of federally recognized nation, band or tribe.** The commissioner
5 shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including permits, stamps and other
6 permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, to a ~~Native American person~~, 10 years of age or
7 older, who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the
8 Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs that is valid for the
9 life of that ~~Native American person~~ without any charge or fee if the ~~Native American~~
10 ~~person~~ presents a ~~certificate~~ certification from the respective reservation governor, or the
11 Aroostook Micmac Council ~~or "Wesget Sipu"~~ stating that the person described is a
12 ~~Native American and a~~ an enrolled member of that federally recognized nation, band or
13 tribe. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part, including, but not limited to, a
14 lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill ensures that certain hunting, trapping and fishing licenses without charge or
17 fee are available only to certified members of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe
18 in the State.