

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

H.P. 1071 - L.D. 1456

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the provisions of this Act must take effect immediately to ensure that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has sufficient time to implement the changes in this Act to the complimentary licenses issued to Maine's federally recognized Indian tribes before the start of this year's hunting season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2007, c. 195, §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 ~~Native American person~~, 10 years of age or older, 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 ~~Native American person~~ without any charge or fee if the ~~Native American person~~ presents a ~~certificate~~ certification from the respective reservation governor; or the Aroostook Micmac Council ~~or "Wesiget Sipu"~~ stating that the person described is a ~~Native American and a~~ an enrolled member of that 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

In House of Representatives, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2011

..... Governor