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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Provide Native Americans with Lifelong Licenses and Permits to Hunt, Fish and Trap'

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 enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

8. Native American. The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, to ~~anya~~ Native American, 10 years of age or older, 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 without any charge or fee if the Native American presents a certificate from the respective reservation governor, the Aroostook Micmac Council or "Wesget-Sipu" stating that the person described is a Native American and a member of that nation, band or tribe. 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.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the law regarding complimentary licenses for Native Americans to provide that these licenses are valid for life and to include the permits, stamps and other permissions that may be needed to hunt, fish and trap in the State. It also provides that a complimentary hunting, fishing and trapping license or permit is subject to any lottery or drawing system for issuing that license or permit such as the lottery system for moose hunting permits.