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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 607, L.D. 888, Bill, "An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right To Hunt for Sustenance in Aroostook County for Maliseet and Micmac Tribal Members and Disabled Veterans"

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

'An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right To Hunt for Sustenance in Aroostook County for Maliseet and Micmac Tribal Members'

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-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Moose permit allocations for the Houlton band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in Aroostook County. The commissioner shall annually issue 33 moose permits to enrolled members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and 33 moose permits to enrolled members of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. The permits must be valid only in wildlife management districts located in Aroostook County. The commissioner may limit the number of moose permits allocated pursuant to this subsection based on biological data and sound management practices. Moose permits allocated pursuant to this subsection may be distributed among tribal members as determined by the tribes and are subject to the provisions of this Part. A permit issued under this subsection is not subject to a fee.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue annually 33 moose permits to enrolled members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and 33 moose permits to enrolled members of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs valid only in wildlife management districts located in Aroostook

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1 County. The commissioner may limit the number of moose permits and all permits are  
2 subject to the provisions pertaining to moose hunting. The permits are free of charge.

3 **SPONSORED BY:**  \_\_\_\_\_

4 (Senator MIRAMANT)

5 COUNTY: Knox

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See Attached)



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 888

LR 240(03)

**An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right To Hunt for Sustenance in Aroostook County for Maliseet and Micmac Tribal Members and Disabled Veterans**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill (S-73)**

**Sponsor: Sen. Miramant of Knox**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$3,015)	(\$3,015)	(\$3,015)	(\$3,015)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$3,015	\$3,015	\$3,015	\$3,015
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment removes the requirement that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) issue 33 moose and 33 bear permits to disabled veterans without a fee. This amendment allows the IF&W commissioner to reduce the 33 moose permits allocated to both the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs if biological data and sound management practices warrant it. The amendment will reduce the General Fund revenue loss by an estimated \$3,015 and reduce the Other Special Revenue Funds revenue loss to the Moose Research and Management Fund within IF&W by an estimated \$300 in fiscal year 2015-16 and in every subsequent fiscal year. These numbers assume that the IF&W commissioner will not limit the number of allocated moose permits to these groups.