

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 734

H. P. 558

House of Representatives, February 10, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Haskell of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Provide Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Maine Indians
Excluded from Present Law.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2301, sub-§ 3, amended. The first 2 sentences of subsection 3 of section 2301 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license to any Indian over the age of 10 years of the Passamaquoddy, ~~and~~ Penobscot, **Maliseet or Micmac** tribes without any charge or fee, providing the Indian presents a certificate from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs stating that the person described is an Indian and a member of that tribe. For the purpose of this section, an Indian shall be any member on the tribal lists of the Penobscot ~~and~~ or Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, or holders, children of holders, or grandchildren of holders of a band number in the **Maliseet or Micmac** tribes. **Indians who are holders, children of holders or grandchildren of holders of a band number in the Maliseet or Micmac tribes shall not be eligible for benefits under this section unless they have lived in Maine for at least 1 year.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will amend the Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 2301 by making all Micmac and Maliseet Indians who have lived in Maine at least 1 year eligible for receiving free hunting and fishing licenses. At present these licenses are only given to members of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes.