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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1729

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7 H. P. 1740

Office of the Clerk of the House

8 Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pur-
9 suant to Joint Rule 24.

10 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested
and 1,400 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Post of Owls Head.

12 Cosponsor Representative MacEachern of Lincoln.

13 Senator Usher of Cumberland.
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15 STATE OF MAINE
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17 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
18 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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20 AN ACT to Eliminate Discrimination in the Granting of
21 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

24 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1979, c. 732,
25 §6, is repealed.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 Prior to the settlement of the Indian land claims, the
28 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife was authorized
29 to issue free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to mem-

1 bers of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet and Micmac
2 Indian Tribes. This was consistent with the fiduciary rela-
3 tionship the State had with the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot
4 Indians. The Maliseets and Micmacs were added to this
5 section in an effort to treat them equally with other Maine
6 Indians.

7 The Indian Claims Settlement has extinguished the fidu-
8 ciary obligations to the Passamaquoddies and Penobscots.
9 The Maliseets and Micmacs will again be treated in the same
10 manner as the other tribes.

11 Forty percent of the Indian population eligible for
12 free licenses under current law have requested and received
13 them. If each of those purchased a license from the State,
14 revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
15 would increase by \$41,792 in fiscal year 1983.

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