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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1401, L.D. 1953, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to the Names of Geographic Features in Passamaquoddy Territory"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 28 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 28
NAMES OF GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

\$1501. Name changes by Passamaquoddy Tribe

When the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe changes the name of a geographic feature within its Indian territory, the State shall assist the Passamaquoddy Tribe in notifying the necessary entities, including the United States Board on Geographic Names, to accomplish the name change in official maps and documents.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Maine Geological Survey within the Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to assist in

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2 the process of seeking name changes of certain geographic  
3 features within the territory of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. These  
4 costs can be absorbed within the agency's existing budgeted  
5 resources.'

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7 **SUMMARY**

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9 This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes the state  
10 policy concerning the naming of geographic features within Indian  
11 territory. When the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy  
12 Tribe changes the name of a geographic feature within its Indian  
13 territory, the State shall assist in notifying the appropriate  
14 entities, including the United States Board on Geographic Names,  
15 to ensure that the new name is included in official maps and  
16 documents.