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An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, LORING of Penobscot Nation. Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Central Maine Indian Association no longer 6 exists; and

8 Whereas, until "Wesget-Suppo" is recognized in the statutes as the organization authorized to issue fishing, trapping and 10 hunting licenses, Native Americans will be unfairly denied benefits under the inland and fisheries laws; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§9, ¶A, as amended by PL 1985, c. 304, §8, is further amended to read:

A. The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license to any Indian, 10 years of age or older, of
the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet or Micmac Tribes without any charge or fee, providing the Indian presents a
certificate from the respective reservation governor, the Aroostook Micmac Council or the--Central--Maine--Indian
Asseeiatien "Wesget-Suppo" stating that the person described is an Indian and a member of that tribe. Holders of these
licenses shall-be are subject to chapters 701 to 721.

34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

40 This bill changes the name of the organization that issues hunting, trapping and fishing licenses to Native Americans from
 42 the Central Maine Indian Association to "Wesget-Suppo."