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House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

An Act To Authorize the Use of Tribal Sustenance Hunting Permits on State Lands

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

Notwithstanding subsections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and section 11601, the commissioner may, upon application, issue sustenance moose hunting permits to members of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Passamaguoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Wabanaki Confederacy. The permits allow members of those tribes to harvest moose for sustenance on land owned by the State. The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer the permits and to regulate the hunt and may adopt any other rules the commissioner considers necessary for the protection of the moose resource. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes tribal sustenance moose hunting permits that allow members of certain tribes to hunt moose on land owned by the State. The bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to administer the permits and to protect the moose resource.