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House of Representatives, January 24, 2013

An Act To Rename Big Moose Mountain as Red Eagle Mountain

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of Sangerville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1201, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 244, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **13. Moosehead Lake Region.** Such sign must be constructed and maintained on the
5 Maine Turnpike at the first reasonable opportunity northerly from the York exit and must
6 be worded as follows:

7 Moosehead Lake Region -- ~~Big Moose~~ Red Eagle Mountain -- 4 1/2 hours;

8 **Sec. 2. Name change from Big Moose Mountain to Red Eagle Mountain.**
9 The county commissioners of Piscataquis County shall change the name of the mountain
10 in Piscataquis County named Big Moose Mountain to Red Eagle Mountain in honor of
11 Chief Henry Red Eagle. The county commissioners shall provide notice of the new name
12 to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Secretary of the
13 United States Department of the Interior and other public agencies, boards, committees or
14 groups responsible for changing names of places and ensuring that such name changes
15 appear on maps and other documents.

16 **Sec. 3. Commissioner of Transportation and Executive Director of Maine**
17 **Turnpike Authority to replace signs.** The Commissioner of Transportation shall
18 replace any sign that is located on the interstate highway that contains a reference to Big
19 Moose Mountain to comply with section 2 no later than 30 days after the effective date of
20 this Act. The Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority shall change any sign
21 containing a reference to Big Moose Mountain to comply with section 2 no later than 30
22 days after the effective date of this Act.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Piscataquis County commissioners to change the name of Big
25 Moose Mountain in the Moosehead Lake region to Red Eagle Mountain, to honor Chief
26 Henry Red Eagle, a Maliseet Indian who was born and raised in the Moosehead region.
27 The bill also requires the county commissioners to notify the appropriate authorities and
28 agencies of the name change and requires that any existing road signs designating Big
29 Moose Mountain be changed to refer to Red Eagle Mountain by the Department of
30 Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority.