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House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

**An Act To Include Archery Hunting Licenses among the
Complimentary Licenses Issued to a Member of a Federally
Recognized Indian Tribe, Nation or Band**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.
Cosponsored by Senator CAIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, RUSSELL of
Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 327, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **8. Members of federally recognized nation, band or tribe.** The commissioner
5 shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including an archery hunting license
6 under this chapter, and including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt,
7 trap and fish, to a person, 10 years of age or older, who is an enrolled member of the
8 Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the
9 Aroostook Band of Micmacs that is valid for the life of that person without any charge or
10 fee pursuant to section 11109, if the person presents certification from the respective
11 reservation governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person described
12 is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this
13 subsection. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part, including, but not limited to,
14 a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. Members of a
15 federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection are exempt from the
16 trapper evaluation program required for a license under section 12201 and the archery
17 hunter education course under section 11106.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill adds an archery hunting license to the list of complimentary licenses issued
20 to members of federally recognized Indian nations, bands and tribes. It also exempts
21 members of federally recognized Indian nations, bands and tribes from required trapper
22 evaluation programs and archery hunter education courses.