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House of Representatives, February 19, 2013

**An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Have Access to Wood Fiber
for Fuel, Shelter and Traditional Woodcraft Production**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6215** is enacted to read:

3 **§6215. Access to wood and wood fiber**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a member of the Houlton Band of
5 Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation may enter and
6 collect or harvest wood or wood fiber from any public or publicly controlled or managed
7 property in the State for the purpose of using the wood or wood fiber for fuel, personal
8 shelter construction or traditional woodcraft production.

9 **Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §7208** is enacted to read:

10 **§7208. Access to wood and wood fiber**

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a member of the Aroostook Band of
12 Micmacs may enter and collect or harvest wood or wood fiber from any public or
13 publicly controlled or managed property in the State for the purpose of using the wood or
14 wood fiber for fuel, personal shelter construction or traditional woodcraft production.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows any member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the
17 Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs to enter
18 and collect or harvest wood or wood fiber from any public or publicly controlled or
19 managed property in the State for the purpose of using the wood or wood fiber for fuel,
20 personal shelter construction or traditional woodcraft production.