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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Permitting Indian Homes to be Licensed as Foster Homes.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3797, sub-§ 1-A, additional. Section 3797 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 1-A, to read as follows:

I-A. Indian reservations. Subsection I shall also apply to homes or day care facilities located upon Indian reservations. The department shall consider for licensure such facilities as are recommended by the Governor and tribal council of the reservations on which they are located.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At the present time there are no licensed boarding homes for children or day care facilities on the Indian reservations. The homes that have come to the attention of the Department of Health and Welfare for licensure have not met minimum standards.

The intent of this bill is to have the State Department of Health and Welfare give special consideration to those facilities which tribal governors and councils recommend for licensure.