An Act to Place Penobscot Land in Trust.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative BISULCA of the Penobscot Nation.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 721, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

B. The first 150,000 acres of land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Penobscot Nation from the following areas or lands to the extent that those lands are acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, 2001, are not held in common with any other person or entity and are certified by the secretary by January 31, 2001, as held for the Penobscot Nation:


Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act does not take effect unless, within 60 days of the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written notification by the Tribal Council of the Penobscot
Nation that the Penobscot Nation has agreed to the provisions of this Act pursuant to the United States Code, Title 25, Section 1725(e)(1), copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Township 1, Range 6, W.E.L.S. and the Penobscot Nation wish to place in "trust status," land owned by the Penobscot Nation that was acquired by quit claim deeds from Herbert C. Haynes, Jr., Herbert C. Haynes, Inc. and Five Islands Land Corporation. This land is approximately 5,464 acres. Under the terms of the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6205, subsection 5, this conversion needs the express consent of the Maine Legislature, the legislative body of the town and the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.