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H.P. 1479

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

**An Act to Extend the Period During Which the Passamaquoddy Tribe
May Acquire Land in the City of Calais.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Baileyville.

Cosponsored by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke, Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and

Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, LABRECQUE of Gorham, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

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Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2001, c. 251, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

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C. Any land not exceeding 100 acres in the City of Calais acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe as long as the land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 1, ~~2001~~ 2020, is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~2001~~ 2020, as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, if:

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(1) The acquisition of the land by the tribe is approved by the legislative body of that city; and

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(2) A tribal-state compact under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is agreed to by the State and the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the State is ordered by a court to negotiate such a compact; and

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Sec. 2. Effective date; certification. This Act does not take effect unless, within 60 days of the adjournment of the Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification by the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Act pursuant to 25 United States Code, Section 1725(e), copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes, except that in no event may this Act become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

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SUMMARY

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This bill extends until the year 2020 the option for the Passamaquoddy Tribe to acquire land in the City of Calais.

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