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House of Representatives, March 14, 2025

**An Act to Authorize the Penobscot Nation to Use Wild Game
Harvested on the Penobscot Indian Territory at Food Venues
Located Within the Penobscot Indian Territory**

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HEPLER of Woolwich, MOONEN of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11217, sub-§2, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. A member of the Penobscot Nation who is a resident of the State who has lawfully killed or trapped and registered a wild animal or wild turkey under this section or lawfully killed or trapped a wild bird within the Penobscot Indian territory, as defined in Title 30, section 6205, subsection 2, may use, sell or offer for sale or aid in buying, selling or offering for sale wild animals and wild birds at an eating establishment as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 7; lodging place as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 7-F; mobile eating place as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 8; or recreational camp or sporting camp as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 11 located within the Penobscot Indian territory. A person who qualifies for an exception under this paragraph shall comply with all applicable state and federal food safety laws, rules and regulations.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11217, sub-§2, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. A person may purchase food or food products derived from wild animals and wild birds offered for sale under paragraph J.

SUMMARY

This bill provides an exception to the prohibitions against the purchase, sale or offer for sale of certain wild animals and wild birds. A member of the Penobscot Nation who is a resident of the State and who has lawfully killed or trapped and registered a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey or lawfully killed or trapped a wild bird within the Penobscot Indian territory may use, sell or offer for sale or aid in buying, selling or offering for sale bear, deer, moose, wild turkey and wild birds at an eating establishment, lodging place, mobile eating place or recreational camp or sporting camp that is located within the Penobscot Indian territory.