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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Hunting, Fishing and Trapping by Indians.**

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

**R. S., T. 12, § 2301, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, additional.** Subsection 3 of section 2301 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 26 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding a new paragraph A, to read as follows:

**A. Nothing in said chapters shall be construed to encroach upon the fundamental right of said Indians to take wild life for their own sustenance on their own reservation lands.**

After having had full consultation with and the consent of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, the tribal governor and council of each reservation shall have the right to govern by tribal ordinance hunting, fishing and trapping on their respective reservation lands, both as to Indians and all others. Copies of the text of any ordinances adopted shall be filed with the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and in any and all instances not covered by tribal ordinance the inland fish and game laws of Maine shall apply.