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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Reburial of Indian Bones and Skeletons.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4719, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4719, to read as follows:

§ 4719. Indian bones

From the date this Act becomes effective all Indian skeletons and bones that come into the possession of any person, state department or organization, whether public or private, shall be transferred to appropriate Indian Tribes in Maine for reburial.

Prior to the time of transferral to the Indian Tribes, any such Indian bones or skeletons found may be subjected to scientific study by persons skilled in the anthropological and archaeological fields, but in no instance may such study continue longer than one year from the time of the bones discovery, before being transferred to the Indian Tribe.