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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 643

H. P. 526 House of Representatives, February 12, 1975
Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Authorizing the Bureau of Forestry to Provide Funds to the
Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes to Procure Shade Trees.**

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

12 MRSA c. 213, sub-c. VI, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 460, § 18, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

SUBCHAPTER VI

SHADE TREE PLANTING AND GENERAL CARE

§ 1131. Purpose

To promote aesthetic and environmental values of trees to communities and to restore those values lost through death of trees from insect and disease depredation, soil depletion, adverse growth factors and old age, the State Entomologist and his agents under the supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Forestry may enter into agreement with municipal officials and Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribal governments to pay, so far as funds are available, up to 50% of the costs of procuring young tree-planting stock and planting and general care of public shade trees. Whenever the State does contribute funds for this purpose, it shall have the authority to establish requirements for a municipal tree care program and requirements and procedures relative to selecting, planting and care of such trees. This program is not intended to extend beyond village or community limits, except for municipal parks or cemeteries.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the Bureau of Forestry to offer the same aid to Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribal governments for planting and general care of public shade trees as is offered to cities, towns and plantations.