

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 541

H. P. 392

House of Representatives, February 14, 1979

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Violette of Van Buren, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Concerning Fines Resulting from Fish and Game Violations on Land of
the Penobscot Indians.**

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

22 MRSA § 4794 is enacted to read:

§ 4794. Fish and wildlife violations on tribal land

All fines and forfeitures imposed for violations of Title 12, Part 3, committed on land belonging to the Penobscot Tribe shall be returned to the tribal governor and council of the Penobscot Tribe to be used by the tribe for fish and wildlife purposes. All court costs shall be deducted from the fines and forfeitures before transfer to the tribe.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There exists a lack of revenue due to nontaxation to assist the Penobscot Indian Fish and Wildlife Department in operations, maintenance of equipment and additional manpower to enforce state and tribal laws. This bill will help meet those needs. Enactment of this bill will result in a negligible amount of revenue loss, estimated at less than \$1,000 each year, to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.