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House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

An Act to Transfer Certain Tribal Holdings into a Trust.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1993, c.
4 713, §1, is further amended to read:

6 B. The first 150,000 acres of land acquired by the
8 secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe from
10 the following areas or lands to the extent that those lands
12 are acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, ~~1991~~
2001, are not held in common with any other person or entity
and are certified by the secretary by January 31, ~~1991~~ 2001,
as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe:

14 The lands of Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation located in
16 T.1, R.8, W.B.K.P. (Lowelltown), T.6, R.1, N.B.K.P. (Holeb),
18 T.2, R.10, W.E.L.S. and T.2, R.9, W.E.L.S.; the land of
Raymidga Company located in T.1, R.5, W.B.K.P. (Jim Pond),
20 T.4, R.5, B.K.P.W.K.R. (King and Bartlett), T.5, R.6,
B.K.P.W.K.R. and T.3, R.5, B.K.P.W.K.R.; the land of the
22 heirs of David Pingree located in T.6, R.8, W.E.L.S.; any
portion of Sugar Island in Moosehead Lake; the lands of
24 Prentiss and Carlisle Company located in T.9, S.D.; any
portion of T.24, M.D.B.P.P.; the lands of Bertram C. Tackeff
or Northeastern Blueberry Company, Inc. in T.19, M.D.B.P.P.;
26 any portion of T.2, R.8, N.W.P.; any portion of T.2, R.5,
W.B.K.P. (Alder Stream); the lands of Dead River Company in
28 T.3, R.9, N.W.P., T.2, R.9, N.W.P., T.5, R.1, N.B.P.P. and
T.5, N.D.B.P.P.; any portion of T.3, R.1, N.B.P.P.; any
30 portion of T.3, N.D.; any portion of T.4, N.D.; any portion
of T.39, M.D.; any portion of T.40, M.D.; any portion of
32 T.41, M.D.; any portion of T.42, M.D.B.P.P.; the lands of
Diamond International Corporation, International Paper
Company and Lincoln Pulp and Paper Company located in
34 Argyle; and the lands of the Dyer Interests in T.A.R.7
W.E.L.S., T.3~~2~~ R.9~~2~~ N.W.P., T.3~~2~~ R.3~~2~~ N.B.K.P. (Alder Brook
36 Township), T.3~~2~~ R.4~~2~~ N.B.K.P. (Hammond Township), T.2~~2~~ R.4~~2~~
N.B.K.P. (Pittston Academy Grant), T.2~~2~~ R.3~~2~~ N.B.K.P.
38 (Soldiertown Township), and T.4~~2~~ R.4~~2~~ N.B.K.P. (Prentiss
Township) ~~and~~; any lands in Albany Township acquired by the
40 Passamaquoddy Tribe before January 1, 1991; and any lands in
Albany Township contiguous to lands acquired by the
42 Passamaquoddy Tribe before January 1, 1991; and

44 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act does not take effect unless,
46 within 60 days of adjournment of the First Regular Session of the
118th Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written
48 notification by the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy
Tribe that the Passamaquoddy Tribe has agreed to the provisions
of this Act pursuant to 25 United States Code,

2 Section 1725(e)(1), copies of which must be submitted by the
Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
of the House of Representatives.

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SUMMARY

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The Passamaquoddy Tribe currently owns a parcel of land in Albany Township already designated as trust land held by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. This bill allows lands in Albany Township that are contiguous to the current trust land to be included in Passamaquoddy Indian Territory. Under the terms of the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6205, subsection 5, this conversion needs the express consent of the Maine Legislature and the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

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This bill also extends the deadline for the United States Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands to be included as trust lands for the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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