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H.P. 402

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

An Act to Create a Special Maine Indian Tribe License Plate.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and
Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DESMOND of Mapleton, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
GOODWIN of Pembroke, HAWES of Standish, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1058-A** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 1058-A**

8 **TRIBAL YOUTH RECREATION FUND**

10 **§3890-C. Tribal Youth Recreation Fund**

12 **1. Establishment.** The Tribal Youth Recreation Fund,
14 referred to in this section as the "fund," is established as a
nonlapsing fund to support youth recreation activities for
members of federally recognized Indian tribes in the State.

16 **2. Source of funds.** The fund receives money deposited by
18 the Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 456-A and
any other gift, grant or other source of revenue deposited for
that use.

20 **3. Administration.** The fund is administered by a
22 commission composed of one representative from each federally
recognized Indian tribe in the State, appointed by each tribal
24 governor.

26 **4. Deposit with Treasurer of State; interest.** Funds in the
28 fund must be deposited with the Treasurer of State to the credit
of the fund and may be invested as provided by law. Interest on
these investments must be credited to the fund.

30 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §456-A** is enacted to read:

32 **§456-A. Maine Indian tribe; special registration plates**

34 Subject to the requirements of section 468 and upon
36 receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise
tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee
38 required by section 501 and a one-time additional fee of \$15, the
Secretary of State shall issue a registration certificate and a
40 set of tribal registration plates to be used in lieu of regular
registration plates when that application is accompanied by
42 appropriate certification that the applicant is a member of a
federally recognized Indian tribe in the State. These plates
44 must bear identification numbers and letters. Ten dollars of the
one-time additional fee must be credited to the Tribal Youth
46 Recreation Fund established in Title 22, section 3890-C. Five
dollars of the one-time additional fee must be credited to the
48 Highway Fund for administrative and production costs.

2 The Secretary of State in consultation with tribal leaders
3 shall determine the design of the plate and appropriate
4 certification of tribal membership. The Secretary of State shall
5 begin issuing tribal plates in accordance with this section no
6 later than July 1, 2002.

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SUMMARY

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12 This bill authorizes the issuance of a special registration
13 plate for members of the federally recognized Indian tribes in
14 the State. A portion of the one-time additional fee of \$15 must
 be credited to the Tribal Youth Recreation Fund created in this
 bill.