

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1217

House of Representatives, March 15, 2001

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**An Act Regarding Passamaquoddy Land in Township 19, M.D.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary 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, SIMPSON of Auburn.

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

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

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

The lands of Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation located in T.1, R.8, W.B.K.P. (Lowelltown), T.6, R.1, N.B.K.P. (Holeb), 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), 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 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 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.; 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 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 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 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 Argyle; and the lands of the Dyer Interests in T.A.R.7 W.E.L.S., T.3 R.9 N.W.P., T.3 R.3. N.B.K.P. (Alder Brook Township), T.3 R.4 N.B.K.P. (Hammond Township), T.2 R.4 N.B.K.P. (Pittston Academy Grant), T.2 R.3 N.B.K.P. (Soldiertown Township), and T.4 R.4 N.B.K.P. (Prentiss Township), and any lands in Albany Township acquired by the Passamaquoddy Tribe before January 1, 1991; and

**Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 713, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

C. Any land not exceeding 100 acres in the City of Calais acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe as long as the land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 1, 2001, is not held in common with any other person or entity and is certified by the

2 secretary by January 31, 2001, as held for the benefit of  
the Passamaquoddy Tribe, if:

4 (1) The acquisition of the land by the tribe is  
6 approved by the legislative body of that city; and

8 (2) A tribal-state compact under the federal Indian  
10 Gaming Regulatory Act is agreed to by the State and the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe or the State is ordered by a court  
to negotiate such a compact; and

12 **Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶D** is enacted to read:

14 D. All land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of  
16 the Passamaquoddy Tribe in T. 19, M.D. to the extent that  
18 the land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 31,  
20 2020, is not held in common with any other person or entity  
and is certified by the secretary by January 31, 2020 as  
held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

22 **Sec. 4. Effective date; certification.** This Act does not take  
effect unless, within 60 days of the adjournment of the  
Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written  
24 certification by the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy  
Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Act  
26 pursuant to 25 United States Code, Section 1725(e), copies of  
which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the  
28 Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of  
Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes, except that in no  
30 event may this Act become effective until 90 days after the  
adjournment of the Legislature.

## 34 SUMMARY

36 This bill amends the Act to Implement the Maine Indian  
Claims Settlement Act concerning the Trust Lands of the  
38 Passamaquoddy Tribe. The Secretary of the Interior of the United  
States has until January 31, 2020 to acquire and place in trust  
40 on behalf of the Passamaquoddy Tribe all purchased land in  
Township 19, Middle District. If that deadline is met, the  
42 purchased land becomes part of the Trust Lands of the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe.