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House of Representatives, April 7, 2003

An Act To Clarify the Freedom of Access Laws as They Pertain to the Penobscot Nation

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LORING of the Penobscot Nation.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, LANDRY of Sanford, MARRACHÉ of
Waterville, McKEE of Wayne, MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, SNOWE-MELLO of
Poland, Senators: HATCH of Somerset, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §411** is enacted to read:

6 **§411. Penobscot Nation**

8 This subchapter does not apply to records and proceedings of the Penobscot Nation.

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that the Freedom of Access laws
14 concerning public proceedings and public records do not apply to
16 the Penobscot Nation. To the extent the holding in Great Northern Paper, Inc. v. Penobscot Nation, 2001 ME 68, is inconsistent with this Act, it is overruled.