

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

11/18

L.D. 1273

DATE: 5/31/15

(Filing No. H-565)

**BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 870, L.D. 1273, Bill, "An Act To Improve Economic Development of the Penobscot Nation"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Improve the Economic Development of the Indian Tribes'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:**

**1. Creation.** One or more units of local government, or an organization representing one or more units of local government, or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Penobscot Nation or the Passamaquoddy Tribe, may apply to the commissioner for the designation of a Pine Tree Development Zone within the boundaries of the unit or units of local government in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter. County governments may apply on behalf of unorganized territories. Groups of units of local government may apply for multijurisdictional or joint projects. Multijurisdictional applications require designation of one unit of local government as the lead applicant and consent for that designation by each participating unit of local government. Counties may also apply on behalf of a consortium of units of local government. The designation of a Pine Tree Development Zone

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 870, L.D. 1273

may not conflict with the provisions of a municipal or other unit of local government charter. Zones that meet the requirements of subsection 2 are authorized for designation as follows:

A. Aroostook County, ~~including up to 100 acres of land reserved for the Aroostook Band of Micmaes and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians;~~

B. The Androscoggin Valley region, including the Lewiston Enterprise Community Zone as designated by the federal Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, Appropriations Act, Public Law 105-277 (1999);

C. The Penobscot Valley region, ~~including up to 500 acres of land reserved for the Penobscot Nation;~~ and

D. Washington County and the Downeast region, ~~including up to 500 acres of land reserved for the Passamaquoddy Tribe;~~ and

E. Up to 100 acres of land owned by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; up to 500 acres of land owned by the Penobscot Nation; and up to 500 acres of land owned by the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

No Notwithstanding the property designated in paragraph E, no more than one zone may be established in each of the areas specified in paragraphs A to D, except that the commissioner may designate up to 4 additional zones through the process established in section 5250-L.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the current tribal property from the Pine Tree Development Zone 5,000-acre limit and allows the tribes to designate any part of their land, up to the statutory 500 acres, or 100 acres for the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, as Pine Tree Development Zones.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1273

LR 2223(02)

**An Act To Improve Economic Development of the Penobscot Nation**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

---

## Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may reduce General Fund revenue as a result of expanding the amount of land eligible for Pine Tree Development Zone benefits. The exact amount by fiscal year can not be estimated at this time. The additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.