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H.P. 217

House of Representatives, February 7, 2013

**An Act To Require the Attorney General To Consult with Federally
Recognized Indian Tribes before Issuing an Opinion on Federal
Legislation Affecting the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of
1980**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.
Cosponsored by Senator CAIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHIPMAN of Portland,
GOODE of Bangor, PRIEST of Brunswick, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe,
VILLA of Harrison, WEAVER of York.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6215 is enacted to read:

§6215. Attorney General consultation

The Attorney General may not provide to the United States Congress or any of its members or agents any legal opinion on federal legislation affecting this chapter or the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, 25 United States Code, Chapter 19, Subchapter II, that may have an effect on federally recognized tribes in the State without first consulting with the affected tribes in a manner mutually agreeable to the tribes and the Attorney General.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Attorney General may not provide to the United States Congress or any of its members or agents any legal opinion on federal legislation affecting the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 or its implementation in this State that may have an effect on federally recognized tribes in the State without first consulting with the affected tribes in a manner mutually agreeable to the tribes and the Attorney General.