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Resolve, Clarifying the Conveyance of Land to the Passamaquoddy Tribe in the Town of Meddybemps

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Sec. 1. Resolve 2021, c. 133, §1, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 133,
 §1 is amended to read:

- **Sec. 1.** Authority to convey state land. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State may transfer a certain parcel of land as described in section 2 to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, subject to such terms and conditions described in sections 3 to 6.
- Sec. 2. Resolve 2021, c. 133, §2, repealed and replaced. Resolved: That
 Resolve 2021, c. 133, §2 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9 Sec. 2. Description of land transferred. Resolved: That the land authorized to be conveyed pursuant to this resolve is a parcel of land of approximately 1.08 acres located 10 on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, described in 11 12 a deed recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds, Book 2679, Page 152, together with an access and use easement over a parcel of land located on the northern side 13 of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, described in a deed recorded in 14 15 the Washington County Registry of Deeds, Book 736, Page 157, to the extent such easement is permitted by and consistent with federal and state law or regulations and 16 17 funding restrictions and subject to any environmentally protective restrictions that are now 18 or may in the future become applicable to the parcel, including but not limited to those set forth in records of decision, environmental covenants and similar deed restrictions. 19

- Sec. 3. Resolve 2021, c. 133, §3, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 133,
 §3 is amended to read:
- Sec. 3. Land subject to terms and conditions. Resolved: That the State may convey the <u>parcel land</u> described in section 2 upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Environmental Protection considers appropriate and necessary to ensure access to the property transferred, compliance with encumbrances of record and inclusion of any new restrictions determined necessary by the Department of Environmental Protection or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- Sec. 4. Resolve 2021, c. 133, §5, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 133,
 §5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Release of liability for historical contamination. Resolved: That the Passamaquoddy Tribe's compliance with the terms, conditions, encumbrances and restrictions described in section 3 releases the Passamaquoddy Tribe of any state environmental contamination claims, including natural resource damage claims, that have or in the future may accrue to the State or its agencies as a result of the historic contamination of the land <u>described in section 2</u> by parties other than the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the State to convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, in addition to the 1.08-acre parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, described in Resolve 2021, chapter 133, an access and use easement over a parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps,

- Washington County, all of which is a portion of a site known as the Eastern Surplus Company Superfund Site. 1 2