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House of Representatives, January 22, 2013

**An Act To Place Land in Centerville in Trust for the
Passamaquoddy Tribe**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians,
BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, JOHNSON of Greenville, MAKER of Calais, MITCHELL of the
Penobscot Nation, NUTTING of Oakland, PRIEST of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶D-1**, as corrected by RR 2007, c. 1, §15, is
3 amended to read:

4 D-1. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in
5 Centerville consisting of Parcels A, B and C conveyed by Bertram C. Tackeff to the
6 Passamaquoddy Tribe by quitclaim deed dated July 27, 1981, recorded in the
7 Washington County Registry of Deeds in Book 1147, Page 251, to the extent that the
8 land is acquired by the secretary prior to January 31, 2017, is not held in common
9 with any other person or entity and is certified by the secretary by January 31, 2017
10 as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe; ~~and~~

11 **Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §6205, sub-§1, ¶D-2** is enacted to read:

12 D-2. Land acquired by the secretary for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in
13 Centerville conveyed by Bertram C. Tackeff to the Passamaquoddy Tribe by
14 quitclaim deed dated May 4, 1982, recorded in the Washington County Registry of
15 Deeds in Book 1178, Page 35, to the extent that the land is acquired by the secretary
16 prior to January 31, 2023, is not held in common with any other person or entity and
17 is certified by the secretary by January 31, 2023 as held for the benefit of the
18 Passamaquoddy Tribe; and

19 **Sec. 3. Effective date; certification.** This Act does not take effect unless, within
20 60 days of the adjournment of the Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written
21 certification by the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has
22 agreed to the provisions of this Act pursuant to 25 United States Code, Section 1725(e),
23 copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the
24 Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes, except that
25 in no event may this Act become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the
26 Legislature.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill adds certain land in Centerville to the Passamaquoddy Indian territory if that
29 land is acquired by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States prior to January 31,
30 2023 and is certified by the secretary as held for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.