

§376. Antiquities recovered from protected sites

1. State-owned artifacts to remain in Maine. No artifacts, objects, specimens or materials originating from a protected site on state-controlled land may be authorized to leave the State permanently without written permission of the permitors. They may be loaned for a term specified by the permitors for proper study or exhibit.

[PL 2013, c. 89, §6 (AMD).]

2. Sale of artifacts. Attempts to sell, offers of sale and sale of artifacts, objects or specimens, excavated after the effective date of this Act, whether excavated lawfully or unlawfully from a protected site, without the written permission of the permit grantors or the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Director of the State Museum, are punishable by a civil penalty not greater than twice the price for which artifacts, objects or specimens are sold or offered for sale.

[PL 2013, c. 89, §6 (AMD).]

3. Prosecution. The Attorney General, upon receiving notification and evidence of violation of this section from the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, is authorized to file a complaint against the person named in the District Court of the district in which the person resides or in the district in which the violation occurred.

[PL 2013, c. 89, §6 (AMD).]

4. Artifact ownership. Artifacts, objects, materials and specimens recovered from protected sites on state-controlled land are the property of the State Museum. Artifacts, objects, specimens or materials originating from a site on other than state-controlled land are the property of the landowner and must be deposited with a suitable repository as designated by the landowner in the preservation agreement or the permit.

[PL 2013, c. 89, §6 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1981, c. 55, §7 (NEW). PL 1989, c. 700, §A114 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 89, §6 (AMD).

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