

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1075

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7 S.P. 340

In Senate, March 4, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent down
for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Pearson of Penobscot.

Cosponsors: Representative Jacques of Waterville, Representative Clark
of Millinocket and Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Municipal
18 Recreation Fund Grants.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 12 MRSA §602, sub-§14, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979,
23 c. 280, is amended to read:

24 A. The bureau may make grants to assist munici-
25 palities and other political subdivisions in the
26 capital improvement of public park and recreation
27 facilities for projects, the total cost of each
28 one of which does not exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$25,000. No
29 such grant ~~shall~~ may exceed 75% of the approved
30 project costs. No municipality or other political
31 subdivision may receive more than one grant under

1 this paragraph in any fiscal year.

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 The capital improvement aspect of this grant pro-
4 gram was added in 1979 to complement a then active
5 federal grant program. As such, the \$5,000 project
6 ceiling was appropriate, as most projects over \$5,000
7 in cost included 50% federal funding. The diminish-
8 ing federal funds coupled with the increased project
9 costs due to inflation make the \$5,000 ceiling
10 unrealistic.

11 This bill increases the project ceiling to
12 \$25,000. Other legislation has been presented to
13 provide continuing funding of this program and
14 relieve the General Fund from biennial requests for
15 funding.

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