

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**PRIVATE AND  
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The result of the vote in the district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Cornish and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk of Cornish with the Secretary of State and if the result so filed shows that a majority of the vote is for approval of this Act, it shall take complete effect; provided that the total number of votes cast for or against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total eligible voters which had been previously determined by the certificate and list filed by the registrar of voters of Cornish.

Failure of approval of this Act at the first meeting shall not be construed to prevent its resubmission for acceptance at any subsequent meeting, called for the purpose in accordance with the terms hereof, held within 2 years from the effective date of this Act. The municipal officers of the Town of Cornish are vested with authority as provided in this Act.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 1979

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## CHAPTER 42

S. P. 618 — L. D. 1680

### AN ACT to Expand the Authority of the Maine Turnpike Authority to Convey Interests in Land,

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Turnpike Authority has severely restricted powers with respect to the conveyance of interests in land; and

Whereas, the use of turnpike authority land can be vital in economic development projects; and

Whereas, it is the public policy of this State to encourage economic development; and

Whereas, prompt conveyance of interests in turnpike authority real estate may be necessary to demonstrate sufficient right, title and interest in applications before the Board of Environmental Protection in respect to certain economic development projects, but for which the project may be lost; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

P&SL 1941, c. 69, § 4, sub-§ (a), last ¶, as amended by P&SL 1965, c. 120, is further amended to read:

Provided, however, the authority shall not lease, sell or otherwise convey, or allow to be used, any of its real or personal property or easements therein, franchises, buildings or structures with access to any part of the turnpike, or its approaches, for commercial purposes, **except as determined by the authority to implement the objectives of the United States Oil Storage Program as provided by the United States Code, Title 42, sections 6233 to 6246, inclusive, and with the exception of such gasoline filling stations, service and repair stations and restaurants as it deems necessary to service the needs of the traveling public while using the turnpike, except that the authority may permit the erection, or installation of electric power, telegraph, telephone, water or pipeline facilities.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 1979

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## CHAPTER 43

S. P. 397 — L. D. 1215

### AN ACT to Create a Ground Water Protection Commission to Review the Laws Dealing with Ground Water.

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

**Sec. 1. Commission established.** There is created a Ground Water Protection Commission, hereinafter known as the "commission."

**Sec. 2. Administration.** The Land and Water Resource Council shall provide staff support to the commission and administer its functions.

**Sec. 3. Membership.** The commission shall be composed of 15 members, as follows: One member from the Maine Geological Survey, one member from the Department of Human Services, one member from the Department of Environmental Protection, one member who is a municipal official, one member from a regional planning agency, one member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, one member of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 4 members representing industry and 4 members from the general public. One member representing industry shall be from a water company and one shall be a well driller. One member from the general public shall be admitted to