

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1623**

H. P. 1152

House of Representatives, January 6, 1964

The Committee on Public Utilities suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rankin of Southport.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Permitting Monhegan Plantation to Generate Electricity.**

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

Whereas, a fire on Monhegan last fall created great hardship and confusion on the island; and

Whereas, it is vitally essential that Monhegan Plantation be permitted to generate electricity, light and power for the health and safety of its inhabitants; 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:

**Permitting Monhegan Plantation to generate electricity.** The inhabitants of Monhegan Plantation are hereby authorized and empowered to make, buy, generate, sell and distribute electricity, light and power; and as incidental to the foregoing are authorized and empowered to purchase or lease lands, water power and rights for, and to build or purchase manufactories and works for, the providing of electricity, light and power; to purchase dynamos or other apparatus for equipping and maintaining an electric light and power plant; to construct, lay and maintain and support poles and lines and cables for the transmission and distribution of electricity or other light and power upon Monhegan, including transmission and distribution upon, over, along and over any and all streets and

roads; to contract with and sell and distribute light and power to individuals, corporations and the United States; to take and hold, by purchase, gift or bequest, any real or personal estate, interest or easement therein, including the right to take as for public uses any land or interest in real estate for any of the purposes herein named; and to do all things necessary to furnish light and power for public purposes to persons or corporations residing within said Monhegan Plantation or to the United States.

Said Monhegan Plantation shall be held liable to pay all damages that may be sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of lands and also for all damages for any other injuries resulting from any of the acts herein authorized, and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid shall not agree with said corporation upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party may cause such damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways, with the same rights of appeal. Failure to apply for such damages within 2 years shall be held to be a waiver of the same.

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