

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 373

H. P. 291

House of Representatives, January 20, 1965

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Brownville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Establish a Keep Maine Scenic Program.

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

Whereas, the Governor's Committee to Keep Maine Scenic, which has been outstanding in its untiring endeavors to keep Maine's outdoors clean and beautiful, will no longer be able to continue its work after the present fiscal year because of lack of funds; and

Whereas, it is vital to Maine's economy that the programs of this committee be continued on a permanent basis; 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:

R. S., T. 12, c. 204, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 204 to read as follows:

'CHAPTER 204

KEEP MAINE SCENIC

Sec. 631. Purpose. As the general appearance of the State and its various communities vitally affects the economy, specifically as it concerns decisions in selecting a place for recreation, choosing a seasonal or year-round home, or lo-

cating an industry, it is important to foster cleanliness in outdoor areas and protect scenic beauty throughout Maine.

Sec. 632. Powers. The Maine State Park and Recreation Commission shall maintain a continuing Keep Maine Scenic program, including necessary research, education, promotion and enforcement, for the protection of Maine's natural beauty and elimination of offensive litter and other unsightly conditions on roadsides, streets, waterways and beaches and in parks and other public areas. The commission shall make full use of voluntary services and contributions from clubs, organizations and associations, individuals, municipalities, business and industry, or other state agencies.

Sec. 633. Advisory committee. The Governor shall appoint a Keep Maine Scenic Committee to advise and consult with the commission in carrying out the administration of this chapter. The committee shall consist of 11 members and the chairman shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member shall hold office for 3 years, except that at the time of the first appointments, 4 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 4 for a term of 2 years and 3 for a term of 3 years. Committee members, while serving on business of the committee, shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to receive actual expenses.

The commission may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this chapter in accordance with Title 5, chapter 303.'

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