

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 960**

H. P. 722

House of Representatives, February 3, 1965

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pike of Lubec and Mr. Mills of Eastport.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Providing for Lease of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge,  
Washington County.**

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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, the Fish & Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior has decided to discontinue operation of the recreation aspects of the Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge (Edmunds Unit); and

Whereas, a long term lease on this property has been offered to the State of Maine at no cost; and

Whereas, the Federal Government requires an acceptance or rejection of this offer reasonably soon; 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:

**Sec. 1. State Park and Recreation Commission; authorized.** That the State Park and Recreation Commission is authorized to enter into a long term (lease) agreement with the Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, United States Department of the Interior, to use, occupy, develop, improve and maintain for public recreation purposes all land, buildings and improvements

of the Edmunds Unit of the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge lying east of U. S. Route 1 in Washington County.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of State Park and Recreation Commission the sum of \$13,166 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$5,166 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

Department	1965-66	1966-67
STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION		
Personal Services	\$3,716	\$3,716
All Other	1,450	1,450
Capital Expenditures	8,000	—
	<u>\$13,166</u>	<u>\$5,166</u>

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Fish & Wildlife Service has recently spent over \$150,000 in developing a major recreation area on this site with camping, picnicking and boating facilities. It was open to the public last summer for the first time and has the possibility of becoming a major area in a section of our State that has outdoor recreation as its greatest potential. This would make a valuable addition to the State Park system, located on U. S. Route 1 on the shores of Passamaquoddy Bay.