

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lincoln of Bethel.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Purchase of Parcels of Land by Forest Commissioner.**

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

**R. S., T. 12, § 512, amended.** Section 512 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter 226 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows :

#### **§ 512. Acceptance of gifts**

The commissioner may, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Council, **purchase, when funds are available , or** accept on the part of the State **gifts of parcels or tracts** of land for forest purposes. The title to lands acquired under this section shall be investigated and approved by the Attorney General.

The purpose of acquisition of land is the preservation of scenic beauty and recreation as nearly unrestricted and general as is practicable for the people of this State and those whom they admit to the privilege, and the production of timber for watershed protection and as a crop **and as state forest demonstration areas under a well defined criteria of full-use management.** The lands acquired within the limits described in this section shall never be sold, but may be exchanged for other land to permit consolidation, better access or more efficient administration. Net revenues, including but not limited to stumpage, shall be paid to the Treasurer of State by said commissioner and constitute a fund to be applied to the care and improvement of these lands or for the acquisition of other lands for similar purposes, except that 25% of such revenues shall be returned by the Treasurer of State to the municipality wherein the land is located to be used for municipal purposes.