

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 581  
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.  
Presented by Senator Sewall of Penobscot.

In Senate, January 6, 1970  
HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND SEVENTY

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**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Providing Shade Trees  
Through the Forestry Department.**

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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, Maine's community shade trees are a natural resource with high monetary, health and aesthetic values; and

Whereas, the current serious depredations caused by Dutch elm disease and other diseases, insects and environmental changes are increasingly depleting our community shade tree population; and

Whereas, there is an ever increasing public awareness and deep concern by citizens, civic and municipal organizations and officials for planting, replacement and preserving our valuable shade trees; 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. R. S., T. 12, c. 213, sub-c. VI, additional.** Chapter 213 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter VI to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER VI**  
**SHADE TREE STOCK & PLANTING**

**§ 1131. Purpose**

To promote aesthetic and environmental values of trees to communities and to restore those values lost through death of trees from insect and disease depredation, soil depletion, adverse growth factors and old age, the State Entomologist and his agents under the supervision of the Forest Commissioner may enter into agreement with municipal officials to pay, so far as funds are available, up to 50% of the costs of procuring young tree-planting stock and planting for public shade trees. Whenever the State does contribute funds for this purpose, it shall have the authority to establish requirements and procedures relative to selecting, planting and initial care of such trees. This program is not intended to extend beyond village or community limits except for municipal parks or cemeteries.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 3951, repealed.** Section 3951 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 394 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed.

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Forestry Department the sum of \$100,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Tny balance at the end of the fiscal years shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the following years to be expended for the same purposes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
<b>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT</b>		
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

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