

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 236

H. P. 178

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Annual Fee for Town Forest Fire Wardens.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 25, § 2501, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 2501 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The State shall pay the appointed forest fire warden an annual fee of ~~\$50~~
\$100.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Forestry, appropriation No. 1236-4020, the sum of \$45,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Forest Fire Control		
Personal Services	\$22,500	\$22,500

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this amendment is to provide a more realistic fee for services rendered the State by the town forest fire warden appointed in each of the 447 municipalities.

The \$50 per year fee was set by statute in 1949, contingent upon attendance at forest fire training schools, preparation of an annual forest fire plan for

their municipality and the issuance of permits for safe use of fires. These qualifications for payment are still in effect.

The fee should be increased to \$100 to reflect the current value of the dollar and increasing emphasis on values of the forest.