

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Brown of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Placing the Appalachian Trail in Maine under the  
State Park and Recreation Commission.

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**Preamble.** Whereas, the Legislature recognizes the value to the State of Maine of the footpath known as the Appalachian Trail in providing healthful outdoor recreation to its citizens of all ages and to its out-of-state visitors; and

Whereas, the Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maine, has performed an outstanding service to the State in marking and maintaining the Appalachian Trail in Maine in a safe and enjoyable condition and in providing shelters along the trail for the overnight use of hikers; and

Whereas, the United States Government (PL 90-543) has identified the Appalachian Trail as a significant portion of the National Trailways System; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., T. 12, § 602, sub-§ 14, additional.** Section 602 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 14 to read as follows:

14. **Appalachian Trail.** The commission, in cooperation and coordination with the State Forestry Department, is designated as the principal state agency to deal with matters pertaining to the Appalachian Trail, so called, within the State of Maine, including any necessary arrangements under provision of federal legislation. It is authorized to provide assistance to the Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc. in the protection, maintenance and mark-

ing of the trail, and in the construction and maintenance of any shelters located thereon, including new construction on relocation projects; to assist the Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc. in negotiations with all interested parties on any matter pertaining to the trail; and to secure and hold easements in perpetuity with respect to private lands traversed by the trail.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides for official recognition of the Appalachian Trail by the State of Maine and designates the State's "outdoor recreation agency," namely, the State Park and Recreation Commission as having primary and general responsibility within state government on matters relating to the trail as a recreational resource.