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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 517

H. P. 404

House of Representatives, February 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gill of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for a Feasibility Study of Alternative Methods for Crossing Fore River.

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

Sec. 1. Study. The State Highway Commission is authorized and directed to study the feasibility and cost of alternative methods of crossing the Fore River between the Cities of Portland and South Portland, in the County of Cumberland, to replace or supplement the existing state highway bridge between said cities, referred to as the Portland Bridge. This study may include consideration of high level bridges or tunnels and financing alternatives including tolls.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the income to the General Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 the sum of \$35,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to provide for a feasibility study to determine alternate methods of providing improved traffic service between Portland and South Portland where an existing draw bridge creates a difficult traffic situation.