

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 5, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Oil and Gas Conservation and Development Control Act.**

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

**R. S., T. 10, § 2155, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 2155 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 301 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 535 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The bureau is authorized and it is its duty to prevent waste of oil and gas and related materials to protect correlative rights, and to prevent pollution, to make such regulations, issue such permits ~~and~~ **with respect to all lands and issue such permits and leases for exploration and extraction of oil and gas on lands owned or held in trust by the State of Maine**, to collect such fees as are necessary to the proper administration of this Act, and otherwise to administer and enforce this Act. It has jurisdiction over all persons and property necessary for that purpose. **Licenses to explore for and extract oil and gas issued by the bureau prior to the effective date of this chapter shall remain in force and effect, however such licenses shall be governed and subject to all such terms and conditions and fees as the commission may by regulation establish.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation is designed to clarify the right of the Mining Bureau to grant rights to explore and extract oil and gas on state-owned lands, e.g. public lots and submerged coastal lands. The second part is designed to protect the rights of prior existing licensees.