

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 448

H. P. 330

House of Representatives, January 30, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr McKernan of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for Voluntary Water Quality Monitors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 38, § 424, additional. Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 424, to read as follows:

§ 424. Voluntary water quality monitors

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to appoint voluntary water quality monitors to serve at the will and pleasure of the commissioner. All such monitors appointed shall be 18 years of age or over and shall be bona fide residents of this State.

Such monitors are authorized to take water samples of the waters of this State at such times and at such places as the commissioner shall direct and to forward such water samples to the commissioner for analysis.

The commissioner is authorized to provide such monitors with such sampling materials and equipment as he deems necessary, provided that such equipment and materials shall at all times remain the property of the State and shall be immediately returned to the commissioner upon his direction.

Such monitors shall not be construed to be employees for this State for any purpose except that the commissioner is authorized to pay such monitors a fee of 50 cents for each sample properly taken and forwarded to him as provided.

The commissioner shall conduct schools to instruct said monitors in the methods and techniques of water sample taking and issue to said monitors

an identification card or certificate showing their appointment and training. Upon a showing that any such water sample was taken in conformity with standard and recognized procedures, such sample shall be admissible in any court of this State for the purpose of enforcing this section.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$4,375 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE		
All Other	\$1,875	\$2,500

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill creates voluntary water quality monitors, who after proper instruction from the Department of Health and Welfare, may take samples from the waters of this State to determine water quality.