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House of Representatives, February 20, 1973

Reported by Mr. Huber of Falmouth from the Committee on Natural Resources. Printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

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 may appoint voluntary water quality monitors to serve at the will and pleasure of the commissioner.

Such monitors are authorized to take water samples and tests of the waters of this State at such times and at such places and in such manner as the commissioner shall direct and to forward such water samples and test results 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 of this State for any purpose.

The commissioner or his representative 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.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection 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
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$2,500	\$1,875

STATEMENT OF FACT

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