

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 517

In Senate, March 29, 1973

On motion of Senator Hichens of York, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Maintenance and Repair of the Seawall and Walk in the  
Town of York.

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

**Town of York; repair of seawall and walk.** The responsibility for maintenance and repair of the seawall and walk, extending 1.7 miles from the westerly end of First Beach, so called, to the easterly end of Long Beach, in the Town of York, County of York, shall be reassumed by the State of Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The seawall, extending for a distance of 1.7 miles along Route 1-A within the Town of York was erected with state and federal funds for the purpose of protecting shore-front properties as well as Route 1-A. When the population of the Town of York increased beyond 5,000, maintenance responsibilities of this portion of Route 1-A within the compact area reverted to local jurisdictions of York, York Harbor and York Beach.

Officials of the York Beach and York Harbor Village Corporations accept and acknowledge their responsibilities to maintain the Route 1-A highway within the compact zone, as outlined in the Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1001. However, local jurisdictions do not possess the technical expertise or financial resources required to assure the proper maintenance of a seawall and the walk which caps it.

Therefore, officials of the York Beach and York Harbor Village Corporations respectfully suggest that maintenance of the seawall and cap is not within the province or capabilities of the quasi-municipal corporations, but rests rather with the State of Maine.