

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Providing Funds for Study of Bicycle Traffic.**

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

**Sec. 1. Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the tremendous increase in bicycle traffic upon the highways of the State is a matter of great concern. This traffic cannot be controlled by municipal ordinances. It is necessary that determinations be made as to the extent of the growth of such traffic in the past and the potential impact upon the highways by the future growth of such traffic. A study is necessary to determine if this increase will require some new innovations in the construction of highways.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation for bicycle traffic study.** There is appropriated from the General Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation the sum of \$10,000 for a study of the volume of present bicycle highway traffic, projected increases in bicycle highway traffic, methods of bicycle path construction, methods of diverting bicycle traffic from existing highways, and innovations used in other states dealing with this increase of bicycle activity on the highways. The department shall report the results of its study to the Legislature with recommendations on how Maine can best provide for this new phenomenon.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Since bicycling is becoming a very popular means of transportation, proper planning should be undertaken by the Department of Transportation.