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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide \$50,000 to Purchase Land for a Wildlife Management Area in Warren Pond Area of York County.

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

Sec. 1. Intent. The intent of this Act is to preserve one of the last available wild wetland areas of southern Maine.

Sec. 2. Purchase. The Inland Fisheries and Game Department is authorized to purchase land or easements around Warren Pond and the adjoining marsh areas of Hoopers and Belle Marshes in the Towns of York and South Berwick, York County.

Sec. 3. Use. Any land bought under this Act shall not be closed off to anyone or any machine unless failure to do so will severely affect the ecological balance of the area. The land bought under this Act shall remain in its present state. An advisory board made up of the chairman of the York and South Berwick conservation committees plus 3 members of each community, chosen by the Governor to serve for no more than 2 consecutive 2-year terms, shall be empowered to make recommendations to the Inland Fisheries and Game Department who will manage the area. No decisions regarding the area will be made until the recommendation of the board is sought. The recommendation shall not be binding on the department.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Inland Fisheries and Game Department from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$50,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.