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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Providing Funds for a Study of the Recreational and Transportation
Aspects of Bicycling.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the recreational and transportation aspects of bicycling are limited or nonexistent during the colder or winter months; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following study begin at once for any meaningful data during the height of such activity; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Appropriation for bicycle study. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation the sum of \$10,000 for a study of bicycling. The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation shall jointly participate in a study of the volume of present bicycle traffic, on and off the highway; in an inventory of existing and potential bicycle trails; in projected increases in bicycle traffic, on and off the highway; and in methods of bicycle

path construction and innovations used in other states to meet increasing needs. The departments shall report the results of their studies to the First Special Session of the 106th Legislature after January 1, 1974 with recommendations on how Maine can best provide for the recreational, transportation and safety needs of bicyclists.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.