

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 860

In Senate, January 23, 1974

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec, **BY REQUEST.**

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Dispersing the General Loan and Reference Collection of the
Maine State Library to Public and University Libraries.**

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

R. S., T. 27, § 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 127 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3. Books lent

The State Librarian, with approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, is authorized to disperse the general loan and references collections of the Maine State Library to public and university libraries under rules and regulations designed to maximize utilization and safeguard the materials against loss or damage.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Management and Cost Survey Report in Recommendation 3, Department of Educational and Cultural Services, recommended elimination of the General Loan and Reference functions of the Maine State Library and dispersal of the collection to local public and university libraries. This Act would implement the recommendation.

Governor Kenneth M. Curtis in a special message to the 106th Legislature on January 10, 1974, stated that in his opinion an attempt should be made to determine the impact on local libraries and their ability to accept and distribute books and materials and concluded that considerably more time and study should be given the proposal before this legislation is enacted.