

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2469

H. P. 1931

House of Representatives, January 30, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sproul of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Authorizing Director of Public Improvements to Convey Land of  
the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

**Sale of Land.** The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Executive Council, is authorized to dispose of certain lands herein described of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections in accordance with this Act. The director shall notify all state agencies of the proposed disposition of said parcels of land and may, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Executive Council, transfer said parcels of land to state agencies. Otherwise, the director shall execute and convey, by quitclaim deed to the grantee, all rights, title and interest of the State in and to such parcels of land, if and when sold or otherwise disposed of. Income from any sale under this Act shall accrue to the General Fund.

This Act shall apply to the following parcels of land presently owned by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections:

1. **Augusta Mental Health Institute:** All land and buildings lying east of Hospital Street, approximately 200 acres of fields and farmland;
2. **Pineland Center:** All land not included in the 400 acre site in which the hospital buildings are located, approximately 1,000 acres of fields and farmland;

3. **Women's Correctional Center:** All land not included in the 10 acre building complex and its surrounding security buffer zone of 20 acres, approximately 250 acres of woods and fields;

4. **Women's Correctional Center:** The 30 acres of land of the buildings of this facility when and if the WCC programs have been transferred to Hallowell.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill implements recommendations 17, 19, 21 and 23, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, in the Maine Management and Cost Survey Report. It authorizes the disposal of surplus land at several state institutions. The Governor supported these recommendations in his Special Message to the 106th Legislature presented on January 10, 1974.