

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 144

H. P. 112

House of Representatives, January 9, 1975

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kelley of Machias.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Fencing of Strawberry Fields Damaged by Deer.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA, § 2354, sub-§ 5-A, is enacted to read:

5-A. Fencing of strawberry fields. Whenever the commissioner deems it impossible to keep deer from doing damage to strawberry fields, he may enter into an agreement with the owner of those fields by which the department will assume $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of fencing those fields. This subsection applies only to fields containing 500 or more strawberry plants.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game the sum of \$25,000 to carry out the purpose of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$5,000	\$20,000

Any balance of this appropriation shall not lapse but be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to assume $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of fencing strawberry fields where deer have been causing damage. Present statutes allow the commissioner to assume $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of fencing orchards where deer are doing damage.