

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 494

H. P. 405

House of Representatives, January 30, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gauthier of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Disposition of Fines and Penalties
Resulting from Criminal Prosecutions by Wardens.

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

12 MRSA, § 3061, first ¶, last sentence, is amended to read:

All fees, fines and penalties recovered and money received or collected, and including fees, fines and penalties recovered by the court from any prosecution by wardens pursuant to their acting, under section 2001, with the same powers and duties as sheriffs have, and including moneys received from sale, lease or rental of department owned property, shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and credited to the department for the operation of fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds, information and education on conservation and for printing the report of said commissioner and other expenses incident to the administration of said department, and shall be expended by the said commissioner for the purposes for which said department is created.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Wardens are vested with the same powers and duties as sheriffs to prosecute criminal offenses. The purpose of this bill is to encourage their enforcement of such criminal offenses by providing that fines and penalties from prosecution will be added to the dedicated revenues of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. The bill is the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee resulting from its study, assigned by the 106th Legislature, of the problem of trespass and other criminal activities on the shores of great ponds.