

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 589**

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H. P. 417

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Mills of Eastport, Motion Withdrawn. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snow of Falmouth.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT to Extend the Back Bay Sanctuary, Portland.

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

12 MRSA § 2101, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 425, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**Back Bay Sanctuary, Portland:** No person shall at any time hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any water fowl or any other wild bird in Back Bay, so called, in Portland, in the County of Cumberland, above the Grand Trunk Railway bridge or within the area enclosed by a boundary line drawn as follows: Beginning at Fish Point at the easterly end of the Eastern Promenade in the City of Portland, thence extending about northeasterly to Pomeroy's Rock, thence about northeasterly to Mackworth or Half-way Rock southerly of Mackworth or Mackey Island, thence in a northerly direction to a point marked by the shore end of a dock at Waites Landing, so called, thence along the shore of the Town of Falmouth in generally a southwesterly direction to a point where the bridge to Mackworth Island touches the Falmouth shore, thence about southwesterly along the shore of the Town of Falmouth to Mackworth or Mackey Point, thence about southwesterly along the easterly side of Martin Point bridge to the shore of East Deering (United States Marine Hospital) Portland, thence about southwesterly and southerly along said East Deering shore to the Grand Trunk bridge, thence along the easterly side of said Grand Trunk bridge to the shore of the Eastern Promenade, Portland, thence about southerly along said shore of the Eastern Promenade to the said Fish Point, the point of beginning. No person shall have in possession at any time any water fowl or any other wild bird or any wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this section.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend the boundaries of a bird sanctuary originally sponsored by former Governor Percival Baxter for about a mile. The sanctuary takes in a heavily populated area of the Falmouth shore. Residents of this area have complained of repeated incidents of shotgun pellets landing on roofs, breaking windows and endangering small children. Not only is this step a logical extension of a well-known wildlife sanctuary but it also provides necessary protection for residents of the area covered by the extension.