

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 711

H. P. 576

House of Representatives, February 19, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carpenter of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide a Central Service Bureau to Advise Applicants of Project and Environmental Requirements under State Law.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 361, 7th ¶, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 618, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The board shall consult with and advise any persons or corporations, at the request of such persons or corporations, on all information which will be required in support of any application for any license, permit or approval over which the board has jurisdiction. The board shall also consult with and advise any persons or corporations, at the request of such persons or corporations, as to the best methods of preventing any pollution, and may conduct experiments to determine the best methods of the purification, disposal or treatment of drainage, sewage, industrial wastes or air emissions.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA § 361, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 206, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The board shall establish and administer a central service bureau where applicants may describe a proposed project and receive, in writing, a list of all licenses, permits and approvals required by agencies of the State. In order to fully carry out its obligations under this section, the board shall receive any necessary assistance from other state agencies.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A given activity may be required to make application with numerous state agencies for any single project. In addition, several licenses may be required

from the Board of Environmental Protection before any activity may be undertaken. This bill would require the Board of Environmental Protection to advise applicants on their obligations under the state licensing statutes and would require the opportunity for cooperative and informative exchange of information with the technical personnel of the board.