

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 867

H. P. 678

House of Representatives, February 27, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Permit Lessees of Beehives Damaged by Bear to Make Claims
for Reimbursement under Certain Statutory Provisions.**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3654, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 776, § 1, is amended to read:

Whenever any beehives, bee colonies or honey, owned or leased by a resident of this State, are damaged or destroyed by wild animals, the owner or lessee may present evidence of such damage or destruction and may make complaint thereof to the mayor of a city or to one of the municipal officers of the town or plantation where such damage was done within 24 hours after he has knowledge of same.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture the sum of \$2,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF	1975-76
All Other	\$2,500

STATEMENT OF FACT

At present, the statutes concerning reimbursement for beehives damaged by bear allow persons who own beehives to submit damage claims.

Many contracts for leasing beehives require the lessee to reimburse the lessor of the hives for any damage, and therefore, the lessee should be able to seek reimbursement from the State.