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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1328**

H. P. 1038

House of Representatives, March 21, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta, By Request.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Providing for a Study to Determine the Feasibility and Location  
of a New Bridge Across the Kennebec River at Augusta.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in the interest of the citizens of the State of Maine, in general, and the citizens of Augusta, in particular, additional river crossing capability is desirable; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary in the interests of safety; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Study.** The Maine Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to conduct a study, in cooperation with the City of Augusta, to determine the feasibility and location of a new bridge across the Kennebec River at Augusta and a circumferential highway connected thereto. The Department of Transportation is further directed to report the results of said study to the first special or regular session of the Legislature convening after October 1, 1975.

**Sec. 2. Allocation.** There is allocated from the income of the General Highway Fund the sum of \$45,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976,

to carry out the purpose of this Act. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse until the purpose of this Act has been accomplished.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The above study is essential to determine the feasibility of a new bridge across the Kennebec and the related circumferential highway in Augusta.