

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1423

H. P. 1131

House of Representatives, March 24, 1975

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell.

Cosponsors: Mr. Bowie of Gardiner, Mr. Lewin of Augusta, Mr. LeBlanc of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Authorize and Provide Revenue for the Installation of Flood Warning Devices on Major Rivers in the State of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 37-A MRSA c. 3-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 3-A

FLOOD WARNING DEVICES

§ 81. Flood warning system

A flood warning device system shall be installed on the Androscoggin, Kennebec, Penobscot and Saco Rivers and shall be managed by the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness the sum of \$80,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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BUREAU OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

All Other

\$80,000

These funds may be used to match federal moneys available for the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Flood warning devices will enable the citizens of Maine to be alerted of impending floods on major rivers in Maine. These devices would be installed on the Androscoggin, Kennebec, Penobscot and Saco Rivers in Maine. In addition, the system would provide information on low water conditions that might affect our environment.

This proposed system is the result of plans worked up by the National Weather Service, the U. S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness. The Federal Government has indicated that an additional \$80,000 will be available on a matching basis. Failure to enact this legislation could very well seriously jeopardize the availability of Federal Disaster Relief Funds to Maine municipalities in any future disaster. This might result in the loss of millions of dollars to the State.