

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1463

H. P. 1164

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning the Powers of Officers of Religious Societies.

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

13 MRSA § 2982, 5th sentence is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Said corporations are authorized to take by gift, purchase, bequest, demise or otherwise, real and personal property for religious purposes, and may make such contracts in relation to such estate, its improvements, disposal, investment or reinvestment, as they may be authorized under the rules of their church or instructed by the church for which they hold estate in trust to make, which contracts may be enforced by or against them as in other cases.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act amends a provision of the statutes originally enacted in 1897, which restricts the amount of property which a religious corporation can take by gift or bequest to that producing an annual income of \$3,000 per year by removing the \$3,000 per year limitation.