

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1581

H. P. 1285

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus, referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Winship of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Restrictions on Powers and Duties of the
Baxter State Park Authority.

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

12 MRSA § 906, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 460, §§ 18 and 19, is further amended to read:

The powers and duties of the Baxter State Park Authority shall not be so construed as to permit the collection of a fee for entering the premises of the park by residents of the State or interfere or conflict in any way with the powers and duties of the Maine State Bureau of Parks and Recreation, Department of Inland Fisheries and Game or the Bureau of Forestry and their duly appointed wardens or rangers, and the enforcement of the inland fisheries and game and forestry laws in respect to Baxter State Park or to the State generally.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Baxter State Park Authority is charging a fee of \$5 from nonresidents to travel over so-called perimeter roads within the park. The Department of Transportation has spent \$888,500 in the past 31 years for maintenance and construction of the roads and bridges in the park and \$287,000 for a park access road, making a total of \$1,175,500, in highway use taxes, while the Baxter State Park Authority has spent no funds for this purpose.