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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1687**

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H. P. 1400

House of Representatives, April 7, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Fraser of Mexico referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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### RESOLVE, Authorizing a Study of Traffic Flows in the Greater Augusta Area.

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**Traffic flow study; authorized. Resolved:** That the Bureau of Highways, Department of Transportation, is authorized and directed to make a comprehensive study of all traffic flows in, but not necessarily limited to, that area bounded on the east by Route 9, Randolph and Chelsea to Augusta, on the south by Interstate 95 Libby Hill to West Gardiner, on the west by the Maine Turnpike, and on the north by U. S. Route 202 and Western Avenue, Augusta; and from the results of this study to recommend a program of reconstruction of existing highways or construction of new facilities, or both, as will most effectively and economically serve present and projected future traffic needs in this area and as will preserve the character of the existing historical, residential, waterfront and commercial districts of the Cities of Hallowell, Augusta and Gardiner and the Towns of West Gardiner, Farmingdale, Chelsea, Randolph and Manchester; and be it further

**Resolved:** That there is allocated from the General Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highways, the sum of \$10,000 to undertake and carry out the study authorized by this resolve.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

Under Joint Order of the 104th Maine Legislature, Senate Paper Number 512, dated June 17, 1969, the State Highway Commission was "... authorized and directed to make a study of the need and cost of reconstruction of Route

201 between the Cities of Gardiner and Augusta to provide a highway of modern design and construction with all necessary accesses thereto . . .” Pursuant to that order the State Highway Commission prepared and submitted under date of January 13, 1970 a report entitled: “Augusta-Gardiner U.S. Route 201 Corridor Interim Highway Planning Report.” The summary and conclusions contained in this interim report refer almost exclusively to that portion of Route 201 between its junction with Maine Avenue in Gardiner and the Hallowell-Augusta city line.

As this portion is an extremely small portion of a much larger traffic problem area, and as the opening on November 15, 1974 of that section of Interstate 95 between Libby Hill south of Gardiner and the Maine Turnpike in West Gardiner substantially changes previous traffic flow patterns in this area, there is great need to conduct the larger study which is authorized by this resolve in order to determine the present traffic flow needs of the area and to preserve the existing benefits of the area from degradation by improper traffic patterns.