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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1972

H. P. 1814

House of Representatives, January 19, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to Lease or Purchase of Railroad Lines by the Department
of Transportation.

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

23 MRSA § 4207, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 221, is amended to read:

3. **Purchase or lease of certain railroad lines.** The Department of Transportation is authorized to purchase or lease under such terms and conditions as the department and the owners of the railroad may agree upon and hold for the State railroad lines or any part thereof located in the State of Maine, owned or otherwise lawfully controlled by said railroad when in the judgment of the department the purchase or lease of such railroad lines is necessary to protect the public interest. The Department of Transportation may purchase or lease the right-of-way only of such line or lines which it shall hold and manage for future transportation use or it may ~~acquire~~ purchase or lease the railroad line intact including track, track appurtenances, ties, bridges, station houses and other necessary structures.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide the option of leasing a railroad line by the State to increase eligibility for federal funds that are available for railroad modernization and rehabilitation under federal law entitled the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, 45 USC, 761 et seq. and amendments thereto.