

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2064

H. P. 1886

House of Representatives, January 22, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LaPointe of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Permit Municipalities to Levy and Collect Service Charges for Certain Municipal Services from Tax Exempt Institutions and Organizations.

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

36 MRSA § 652, sub-§ 1, ¶ L is enacted to read:

L. None of the provisions of this section shall prevent a municipality from levying service charges in lieu of taxes upon any or all institutions and organizations whose real property is exempt under this section, when such charges are reasonably related to the cost of providing municipal services, including without limitation:

- (1) fire protection;
- (2) police protection;
- (3) road maintenance and construction, traffic control, snow and ice removal;
- (4) water and sewer services and
- (5) sanitation services.

Municipalities may adopt ordinances to carry out this paragraph.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that municipalities may levy reasonable charges on institutions and organizations such as chambers of commerce,

hospitals and fraternal organizations whose real property is exempt from property taxation for services which the municipality supplies, such as fire and police protection, road maintenance, water and sewer services and sanitation services.