

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2090

H. P. 1903

House of Representatives, January 26, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Reduce the Cost of the Program to Protect Forest Land
against Insects and Disease.

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

12 MRSA § 1009 is enacted to read:

§ 1009. Annual recommendation of state share of cost for protection of forest land

The director shall annually, prior to January 1st and prior to the convening of the Legislature, certify to the Bureau of the Budget his estimated cost, if any, of the state's share for control and prevention of insects and diseases destructive of the forests of the State and associated research for the calendar year following that legislative session. The Bureau of the Budget shall include this recommended amount in the Part I Budget and shall certify that sum to the Legislature with the recommendation of the Governor. The Governor's recommendation may be either to reduce, increase or to approve that sum as certified. The Legislature shall annually, in its Part I Budget, determine the amount, if any, which shall be expended for this program and how that amount is to be funded. Such determination shall authorize the control program and associated research for such calendar year and shall supersede any requirements which may exist for the approval of this program by any other state agency. Any appropriation thereunder shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account for these purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides a means to reduce the cost of the program to protect forest lands against insects and disease by requiring the Director of the Bureau

of Forestry to estimate the cost, if any, for the calendar year following each regular session, so that the program will be planned and funded early enough to permit the director to negotiate the purchase of chemicals and aircraft services at substantially lower costs.