

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 855

H. P. 720

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Amend the Authorization to the Plantation of Matinicus to
Establish an Electric Generating Facility.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 107th Legislature granted authorization for the Plantation of Matinicus to establish an electric power generating facility; and

Whereas, no authority was given to accept needed federal funds to carry out this project; and

Whereas, federal funds are vitally necessary at the earliest possible time in order to meet the need for power in this area; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

P & SL 1975, c. 25, § 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. The Plantation of Matinicus is hereby authorized to acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, own, operate and maintain an electric power generating facility, and for this purpose is vested with the power to raise money at its annual meeting, or at any legal meeting called for that purpose, and to apply for and accept grants of federal or state

aid or both, for the purchase or lease of lands, water power, dams, manufactures and works for providing and supplying electricity, and for the purchase of apparatus necessary for equipping and properly maintaining an electric power generating facility, and for the proper operation, upkeep and maintenance of such a facility.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.