

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 934

H. P. 781

House of Representatives, March 10, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Curran of So. Portland referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Spencer of Standish.

Cosponsors: Mr. Hughes of Auburn, Mr. Jackson of Yarmouth and Ms. Bachrach of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Authorize an Archeologist for the Maine
Historic Preservation Commission.**

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission the sum of \$15,000 for the hiring of a staff archeologist. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION		
Personal Services	\$5,500	\$5,500
All Other	2,000	2,000
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	\$7,500	\$7,500

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to hire a full-time staff archeologist. To insure the protection of Maine's rich archeological resources, the Federal Government is requiring the Commission to include an archeologist on its staff and will pay 50% of salary and operating expenses. The primary function of this position will be to carry out the legally required review of the state's rapidly increasing num-

ber of federal, federally funded and federally licensed projects in terms of their impact upon archeological sites. The Commission is currently faced with reviewing more than 1,000 projects annually for other state agencies and municipalities without the benefit of a staff archeologist. In addition to its review function, this position would also entail responsibility for inventorying Maine's archeological sites and nominating the most significant ones to the National Register of Historic Places.