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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1071

H. P. 880

House of Representatives, March 16, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Valentine of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Increase the Amount Allocated to Research and Development
from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund.**

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

38 MRSA § 551, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 572, § 1, is amended to read:

1. **Research and development.** The Legislature ~~may~~ shall allocate ~~not more than \$100,000~~ \$250,000 per annum of the amount then currently in the fund to be devoted to research and development in the causes, effects and removal of pollution caused by oil, petroleum products and their by-products on the marine environment. Such allocations shall be made in accordance with section 555.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the amount allocated to research and development from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to permit an improved and increased effort in identification of the cause and effect of pollution caused by oil and makes the allocation mandatory.