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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1217

S. P. 367

In Senate, March 28, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Chapman of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Designate the Arnold Trail Highway.

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

Sec. 1. Arnold Trail Highway; designation. The State Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate markers at appropriate intervals designating the Arnold Trail Highway. The Arnold Trail Highway shall be as follows:

Beginning at Fort Popham, at Popham Beach, then north on Route 209 to U.S. Route 1 in Bath; then east on U.S. Route 1 to its junction with Route 127 in Woolwich; then north on Route 127 to its junction with Route 128 at Day's Ferry; then north on Route 128 to its junction with Route 27 in Cedar Grove, Dresden; then north on Route 27 to its junction with Route 9 at Randolph; then north on Route 9 to its junction with Route 201 at Augusta; then north on Route 201 to its junction with Route 201-A at Skowhegan; then north on Route 201-A to its junction with Route 16 at North Anson; then west and north on Route 16 to its junction with Route 27 at Kingfield; and then north on Route 27 to its junction with the Maine-Quebec border at Coburn Gore.

In addition, the Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate markers at appropriate intervals on the following spur line of the Arnold Trail: Beginning at North Anson at Route 201-A, then north on Route 201-A to its junction with Route 201 at Solon; and then north on Route 201 to a point approximately 9 miles north of Bingham marked at a turnout with interpretative signs and a plaque fixed to a boulder by the Daughters of the American Revolution, this point being the point where the Arnold expedition left the Kennebec River and carried across the Great Carry to the Dead River.

Sec. 2. PL 1931, c. 276 is repealed.

Sec. 3. PL 1933, c. 98 is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill accurately designates the Arnold Trail Highway and will enable the Arnold Expedition Historical Society to gain qualifying status for possible grant applications for current projects to acquire land corridors, preserve historic sites and erect highway and trail signs and interpretative panels.

Official state recognition and description of the true site and trail locations for the Arnold Trail are essential. The present statutory descriptions of the Arnold Trail are in error and this bill will correct that error.