

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 380**

S. P. 174

In Senate, February 7, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Chapman of Sagadahoc.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, authorizing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Lease Land and Buildings in West Boothbay Harbor to the Northeastern Research Foundation, Inc.**

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

Whereas, the Department of Marine Resources has leased the federal facilities at McKown Point, West Boothbay Harbor, for the past several years; and

Whereas, the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences has been utilizing a number of the federal buildings for several years, under contract with the Department of Marine Resources, which expires July 1, 1979; and

Whereas, Bigelow Laboratory desires to continue this use; and

Whereas, the research being conducted by Bigelow Laboratory is of vital importance to the long-range understanding of the biological, chemical, physical and ecological processes occurring in the Gulf of Maine and the understanding of these processes is vital to proper management of the marine resources in the gulf; and

Whereas, the state's interest in the protection and management of its marine resources would be furthered by the continuation of research being conducted by Bigelow Laboratory; and

Whereas, a commitment of these facilities is necessary to allow the development of future plans for Bigelow Laboratory; 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

**Commissioner of Marine Resources; authorized to lease land. Resolved:** that the Commissioner of Marine Resources, in the name of the State of Maine, is authorized to enter into a contract, consistent with its obligations to the Federal Government with respect to the facilities, to lease all or part of a certain lot or parcel of land and the buildings thereon, situated in West Boothbay Harbor in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine; being the parcel or lot presently owned by the United States, known as the Biological Laboratory to Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, a Division of Northeastern Research Foundation of West Boothbay Harbor, in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to lease property to Bigelow Laboratory.