

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 705**

H. P. 558

House of Representatives, February 22, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Huber of Falmouth.

Cosponsors: Mr. Pearson of Old Town, Mr. Tarbell of Bangor and Mr. Vose of Eastport.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide for the Consideration of Environmental and Economic Effects  
Associated with the Tidal Power Demonstration Project at Half Moon Cove.**

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

**Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
Office of Energy Resources	
All Other	\$25,000

Establishes a fund to identify environmental and economic effects of tidal power development at Half Moon Cove in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 5005, subsection 1, paragraph G.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Office of Energy Resources is required by statute to "encourage and direct or sponsor research, experiments and demonstration projects within the State to develop alternate energy sources ... which rely on the renewable natural resources of the State, such as ... the water of the tides ..." Maine is the only state on the east coast with tidal power potential; encouraging a well-planned demonstration project could lead to better and expedited tidal power development in Cobscook Bay and at other Maine sites where tides are sufficient.

This appropriation will enable the developers of the Half Moon Cove Tidal Power Project, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, to identify any possible detrimental environmental effects and any possible beneficial economic effects such as aquaculture that the small (4-12 mw) demonstration project may need to consider before construction.