

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 921

H. P. 734

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

Cosponsors: Mr. Wood of Sanford, Mrs. Huber of Falmouth and Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Create a Lake Restoration Fund.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 390-A is enacted to read:

§ 390-A. Lake Restoration Fund

1. **Fund purposes and administration.** There is hereby established a nonlapsing Lake Restoration Fund, from which the Board of Environmental Protection is authorized to pay up to 20% or 50% of the nonfederal share, whichever is less, of the expenses incurred in a lake restoration project which has received federal approval and funding pursuant to the Clean Water Act, United States Code, Title 33, section 1324, section 314.

All income received by the State from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for lake restoration projects under United States Code, Title 33, section 1324, section 314, shall be recorded on the books of the State in a separate account and shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State to be credited to the Lake Restoration Fund. All moneys credited to that fund shall be used by the Board of Environmental Protection for projects to improve the quality of lake waters in the State, and for no other purpose. Pursuant to a vote of the board

authorizing a particular project, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection may at any time authorize the State Controller to draw his warrant for such funds as may be necessary to pay the lawful expenses of the lake restoration project, up to the limits of the state and federal portions thereof duly authorized. Any balance remaining in the fund shall continue without lapse from year to year until the termination date set forth in subsection 2 and remain available for the purposes for which the fund is established and no other purpose.

2. Advance budget planning. The Lake Restoration Fund established in subsection 1 is authorized for the fiscal years 1980 to 1989. In each succeeding budget throughout this period, the Bureau of the Budget shall include \$20,000 in the Part I budget, to be paid to the Lake Restoration Fund. The Legislature shall annually, in its Part I budget, determine the amount of the state portion of the Lake Restoration Fund. Any state funds sought by the Board of Environmental Protection for the Lake Restoration Fund, above the \$20,000 in any fiscal year, shall only be considered in the Part II budget.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill commits the State, for a period of 10 years, to a financial contribution to restoring lakes where water quality is badly deteriorated. The Federal Government and local sources will also contribute to each restoration project. State funds for future years will be included in the Part I budget.