

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1230

H. P. 1020

House of Representatives, March 10, 1981

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Cunningham of New Gloucester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Provide Free Access for Legislators to State Parks, Camping Areas, Beaches and the Maine Turnpike.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 2, first ¶, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 750, § 1, is amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of January, 1977 and thereafter, shall receive \$4,500 in the first year and \$2,500 in the 2nd year of each biennium, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route ~~except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed where Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments.~~

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 2, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 544, §§ 3 and 4, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Each Legislator may travel on the Maine Turnpike without payment of any tolls provided that the Legislator is traveling in a vehicle which displays a legislative license plate. Any Legislator displaying on his motor vehicle a legislative license

plate shall not be assessed a fee for admission to any state-owned park, camping area or beach.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide free access by Legislators to the Maine Turnpike and to state-owned parks, camping areas and beaches.