

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1378

H. P. 1157

House of Representatives, March 18, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Fowlie of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning the Publication of Official State Highway Maps.

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

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

1981-82

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,

DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Purchases

All Other

\$100,000

The funds shall be used to publish 1,000,000 official state highway maps which shall be distributed by the Bureau of Purchases. The bureau shall eliminate distribution of maps to the Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Transportation will not continue to print official State of Maine highway maps because of its current budgetary problems, thereby eliminating \$165,000 from its funding needs. The Department of Transportation's previous map printing was for 1,700,000 maps for 2 years.

Official State of Maine maps are an invaluable promotional as well as directional brochure of inestimable value especially to the state's tourism industry and its economic development program.

The Maine Publicity Bureau annually distributes upwards of 500,000 maps; state departments 25,000; Maine schools 10,000; and the Maine Turnpike Authority 35,000. The Maine Legislature this year is authorized 90,000 maps.

This bill would eliminate distribution of maps to the Legislature, thereby effectuating a considerable monetary saving. It would direct the Bureau of Purchases to publish 1,000,000 maps at an estimated cost of \$100,000 and to serve as the distributor of the maps.