

1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 360
7 8	H.P. 301 House of Representatives, February 1, 1983 On Motion of Representative Locke of Sebec referred to the Committee
9 10	on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Manning of Portland. Cosponsors: Senator Usher of Cumberland and Senator Diamond of Cumberland.
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14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19	AN ACT Authorizing Reasonable Fees for Nonresident Users of Public Libraries.
20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22 23	Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is amended to read:
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	2. Area reference and resource center. "Area reference and resource center" means a large public, school or academic library designated by the Commis- sioner of Educational and Cultural Services and the State Librarian and receiving state aid for the pur- pose of making its resources and services available without charge to all residents of the district, of providing supplementary library services to local libraries within the district, of coordinating the services of all local libraries within the district which by contract become part of the library dis- trict.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is amended to read:

3 10. <u>Public library.</u> "Public library" means a 4 library freely open to all persons and receives its 5 financial support from a municipality, private asso-6 ciation, corporation or group. The above serves the 7 informational, educational and recreational needs of 8 all the residents of the area for which its governing 9 body is responsible.

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Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §120 is enacted to read:

11 §120. Nonresident user fees

12 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or 13 chapter 3, any library supported in whole or in part 14 by contributions from the municipality in which it is 15 located may establish a reasonable fee for nonresidents of that municipality to use the library. 16 17 Imposition of such a fee on nonresident users of the library shall not affect the eligibility of the library for state funding. In the event that a 18 In the event that a 19 20 municipality outside that in which the library is 21 located makes an equitable contribution to the support of the library, the library may waive the non-22 resident fee for that municipality's residents. 23

STATEMENT OF FACT

25 The purpose of this bill is to permit libraries 26 to charge nonresidents of the municipalities in which 27 the library is located fees for borrowing books. 28 These fees could be charged with no loss in state funds. The bill also provides that the library may 29 30 waive the fees for a particular municipality's residents, if that municipality makes a fair contribution 31 to the library's support. 32

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