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| FIRST REGULAR SESSION   |               |
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| ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  |               |
| Legislative Document No. 4  | 75            |
| H.P. 392 House of Representatives, February 1, 19   | 83            |
| Received by the Clerk of the House on February 1, 1983. Referred to th Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and ordered printed pursuant Joint Rule 14. | e<br>to       |
| EDWIN H. PERT, Cle  | erk           |
| Presented by Representative Hall of Sangerville.  Cosponsors: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook and Representative Mitche of Vassalboro.                         |               |
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| STATE OF MAINE  |               |
| IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD   |               |
| NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE   |               |
| AN ACT to Protect Air Quality.  |               |
| Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine a follows:  | as            |
| <pre>Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §583-B, sub-§1, as enacted by F 1979, c. 381, §6, is amended to read:</pre>  | ?L            |
| 1. Class I. Class I:  |               |
| A. Those federal lands which have been estab  | <b>&gt;</b> - |
| lished as mandatory Class I areas by the Federa   |               |
| Clean Air Act: Acadia National Park located i   |               |
| the Downeast Air Quality Region; Moosehor   |               |
| National Wildlife Refuge located in the Downeas   |               |
| Air Quality Region; and the Roosevelt Campobell   |               |
| International Park located in New Brunswick, Car  |               |
| ada; <u>and other areas appropriate for Class I des</u><br><u>ignations</u> or <u>redesignations</u> . The Board of Envi                                      |               |
| ignations of redesignations. The board of Envi  |               |

ronmental Protection shall make redesignations pursuant to the procedural requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act;

Sec. 2. Actions required. The Legislature finds that the pristine air quality of Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Bigelow Preserve should be protected by limiting future air pollution to insure the best achievable air quality and requires the following action. The Department of Environmental Protection shall initiate all activities required by the Federal Clean Air Act for considering the redesignation of Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Bigelow Preserve The Board of Environmental Proas a Class I area. tection shall decide to approve or disapprove these proposed redesignations by July 1, 1984.

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Federal law specifically provides that the air in national parks, monuments and wildlife refuges shall be maintained in as pristine a manner as possible. To this end, these areas are federally designated Class I areas and the amount of new pollutants which may be added to the area is tightly controlled. considerations which apply to national and international parks and wilderness areas apply equally to pristine Maine's and renowned wilderness the Allagash Wilderness areas--Baxter State Park, Waterway and the Bigelow Preserve. The purpose of this bill is to amend Title 38, section 583-B, subsection 1, to clarify the authority of the Board of Environmental Protection to designate additional as Class I areas. Further, this bill directs areas the board to consider through the appropriate procedures the redesignation of Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Bigelow Preserve and Class I, to approve or disapprove redesignation by July 1, 1984.

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