

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1510
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7 S.P. 496

In Senate, April 22, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 On Motion of Senator Carpenter of Aroostook, referred to the
10 Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for
concurrence and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Vose of Eastport, Representative Randall of
East Machias and Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Create the Maine Conservation
18 Corps.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 430 is enacted to read:

23 CHAPTER 430

24 MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS

25 §5151. Maine Conservation Corps

26 There is created in the Department of Conserva-
27 tion the Maine Conservation Corps to provide job
28 training and work opportunity for unemployed youth on
29 public property and to improve public property for
30 the use and increased enjoyment of the public.

1 §5152. Participants

2 Participants in the Maine Conservation Corps
3 shall be between the ages of 18 and 21 years, unem-
4 ployed and out of school. No one may be eligible if
5 he has left employment or school for the purpose of
6 participating in this program. Participants shall be
7 economically disadvantaged, as defined by the poverty
8 level established by the United States Office of Man-
9 agement and Budget.

10 §5153. Administration

11 There shall be a Director of the Maine Conserva-
12 tion Corps and such other personnel as may be re-
13 quired to accomplish the purposes of this Act. The
14 director shall be appointed by the commissioner in
15 the manner prescribed in section 5013.

16 The director shall work with the Department of
17 Corrections, the Department of Finance and Adminis-
18 tration, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wild-
19 life, and the Department of Transportation and the
20 Division of Community Services or other state agen-
21 cies to design the program to provide maximum work
22 opportunities, job skills, training and improvements
23 to publicly owned property.

24 In addition, the Department of Conservation shall
25 work with the Department of Labor, Maine Job Service,
26 which shall conduct recruitment and referral of indi-
27 viduals interested in participating in the Maine Con-
28 servation Corps.

29 Those projects which are performed on property
30 held by an agency which operates on dedicated revenue
31 shall be paid for in part from those dedicated reve-
32 nues.

33 Sec. 2. Evaluation and termination. The depart-
34 ment shall report to the First Regular Session of the
35 112th Legislature as to the effect of this program.
36 The Maine Conservation Corps shall terminate at the
37 end of fiscal year 1985, unless reenacted by the
38 Legislature.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is the result of a pilot project of the Department of Conservation and the Department of Labor conducted on the public reserved land at Rocky Lake, in Washington County, during the summer of 1982. It is designed to provide a comprehensive program of job training and work experience on state-owned land.

This program is different from the Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) operated by the Division of Community Services in that it will be able to coordinate programs, funds and labor force available to several state agencies to accomplish the dual purpose of providing job training and work experience and improving the public's land. It is conceivable that this program, once established, will be able to house the Young Adult Conservation Corps.

Funding for this bill is in the Governor's Part II Budget for the Department of Conservation, Maine Conservation Corps. The Governor has recommended \$60,500 in fiscal year 1983-84 and \$65,100 in fiscal year 1984-85. This will provide one full-time director, 6 seasonal supervisors and capital and all other expenses. Participants will be paid with funds for which they are eligible, such as summer youth employment program funds available through the Department of Labor.

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