

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 380

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7 H.P. 291

House of Representatives, February 1, 1985

8 Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Representative Carter
9 of Winslow, referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. Ordered sent forthwith.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Mitchell of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Provide Technical Assistance to
18 Water Utilities in Developing Ground
19 Water Source Protection Plans.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2612, sub-§7 is enacted to
24 read:

25 7. Public water suppliers; ground water source
26 protection plans; reports. The department shall re-
27 quire public water suppliers to submit ground water
28 source protection plans and periodic reports describ-
29 ing implementation of those protection plans. The
30 department shall require a supplier to revise an in-
31 adequate source protection plan and may provide tech-
32 nical assistance to public water suppliers to assure
33 adequate source protection and long-term water supply
34 planning.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
2 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
3 purposes of this Act.

4		<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
5	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>		
6	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
7	Positions	(1)	(1)
8	Personnel	\$30,000	\$30,000
9	All Other	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
10	Total	\$35,000	\$35,000

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 Of the 381 community public water suppliers in
13 the State, 288 rely upon ground water totally or in
14 part as their source of supply. Recent Department of
15 Human Services regulations require new utilities to
16 provide a minimum ground water protection zone based
17 upon the particular aquifer. Most public suppliers
18 primarily own the land just around the well heads.

19 The Department of Human Services does not review
20 and require the revision of the source protection
21 plans of water utilities on a regular basis. This
22 bill requires the submission of plans, their periodic
23 review and, where necessary, their revision. The
24 bill provides for funding for a new position in the
25 Department of Human Services Drinking Water Program
26 which, in addition to reviewing source protection
27 plans, provides assistance to water utilities in de-
28 veloping adequate plans for long-term supply.

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