

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (New Draft of H.P. 99, L.D. 124)  
2 (New Title)  
3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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7 Legislative Document

No. 997

9 H.P. 739

House of Representatives, March 14, 1985

10 Reported by Representative Carter from the Committee on  
11 Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original  
12 bill sponsored by Representative Rolde of York.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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19 AN ACT Making Appropriations to the State  
20 Planning Office to Conduct Inventories  
21 of Natural Areas Worthy of  
22 Preservation for the Fiscal Year Ending  
23 June 30, 1987 and to Authorize the State  
24 Planning Office to Charge for Publication.  
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26 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
27 follows:

28 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§2, as enacted by PL  
29 1967, c. 533, §1, is amended by adding at the end a  
30 new paragraph to read:

31 The office may prepare and distribute printed and  
32 audio-visual materials on matters within its statuto-  
33 ry jurisdiction. The director shall fix the prices  
34 at which publications of the office shall be sold or  
35 delivered. The office shall decide which publications  
36 shall be included and shall retain, without charge,

1 an appropriate number of each publication for compli-  
 2 mentary distribution. Income from the sale of publi-  
 3 cations shall be credited to the General Fund.

4 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
 5 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
 6 purposes of this Act.

7 1986-87

8 STATE PLANNING OFFICE

9 All Other \$40,000

10 These funds shall be  
 11 used to conduct  
 12 statewide surveys to  
 13 identify significant  
 14 geological, botani-  
 15 cal and zoological  
 16 areas worthy of  
 17 preservation.

18 FISCAL NOTE

19	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
20 Appropriation		\$40,000
21 Additional Revenue to the		
22 General Fund	\$3,375	4,500

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft provides the funding necessary to carry out the statewide inventories mandated by the critical areas law.

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The State established the Critical Areas Program in 1974 to identify natural areas worthy of preservation and to notify the landowners of their significance. The register of critical areas is the official state listing of critical areas. This nonregulatory program works on a cooperative basis with landowners to promote conservation.

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No federal funds are available to the State Planning Office for this work which will focus on the inland portions of the State.

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This new draft also allows the State Planning Office to charge for printing and mailing of publications.

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