

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1073

8 H.P. 750

House of Representatives, March 19, 1985

9 Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
10 On motion of Representative Higgins of Portland, referred to the
Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Cashman of Old Town.

12 Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland, Representative
Armstrong of Wilton and Representative Lander of Greenville.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT to Establish the Costs of Forest Fire
19 Protection.
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21 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
22 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
23 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36,
25 section 2711, requires the Legislature to determine
26 forest fire control costs by May 1st and the State
27 Tax Assessor to determine the amount of forest fire
28 control excise tax per acre and per landowner by Sep-
29 tember 1st; and

30 Whereas, protection from forest fires is essen-
31 tial to Maine and its citizens; and

32 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
33 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
34 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
35 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-

1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore,

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 **Forest Fire Protection Costs.** In accordance with
6 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2711,
7 the Legislature determines the total projected costs
8 of forest fire protection for Fiscal Year 1985-86 is
9 \$5,865,051.

10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
11 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
12 proved.

13 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

14 The projected cost of forest fire protection is
15 required by law to be determined by the Legislature
16 by May 1st. This bill accomplishes that purpose.
17 The emergency clause will enable the May 1st deadline
18 to be met and the State Tax Assessor to carry out his
19 responsibilities by the statutory deadlines.

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