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1 (New Draft of S.P. 238, L.D. 632)
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. 1515

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9 S.P. 575

In Senate, May 9, 1985

10 Reported by Senator Emerson of Penobscot from the Committee on
11 Energy and Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill
12 sponsored by Senator Kany of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative
Mitchell of Freeport, Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake and President Pray of
Penobscot.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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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 Regarding the Bureau of Public Lands.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §553, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by
24 PL 1975, c. 339, §6, is amended to read:

25 C. Make a written report on or before the 30th
26 day of each the first regular legislative session
27 to the Legislature or to such committee as it
28 appoints joint standing committee of the Legisla-
29 ture having jurisdiction over natural resources,
30 containing a complete accounting of the income
31 and expenditures of the Bureau of Public Lands
32 during the biennium ending on the 31st day of De-
33 cember next preceding the convening of such ses-
34 sion. The report shall also contain a summary of
35 the bureau's management activities during the
36 past year regarding timber, recreation, wildlife

1 and other subjects as appropriate. The director
2 shall also report on any gates or other con-
3 structed barriers to public access by motor vehi-
4 cle to any public reserved lands, when these
5 block the sole or primary motor vehicle access,
6 whether or not these barriers are located on pub-
7 lic or private land and whether or not they are
8 owned by the State or private parties. The direc-
9 tor shall also report on any campsite or recrea-
10 tional facility fees charged under Title 30, sec-
11 tion 4162, subsection 4, paragraph E;

12 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §557, sub-§4, as enacted by PL
13 1983, c. 819, Pt. A, §8, is amended to read:

14 4. Legislative approval of budget. Expenditures
15 from the Public Lands Management Fund are subject to
16 legislative approval in the same manner as appropria-
17 tions from the General Fund. No money may be ex-
18 pended without allocation by the Legislature. The
19 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
20 jurisdiction over ~~appropriations~~ natural resources
21 shall approve the allocation.

22 Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §4162, sub-§4-A, as enacted by
23 PL 1983, c. 715, is repealed.

24 Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §4163, as amended by PL 1983, c.
25 833, §2, and c. 819, Pt. A, §58, is repealed and the
26 following enacted in its place:

27 §4163. Funds from public reserved lands

28 All income received by the Director of the Bureau
29 of Public Lands from the public reserved lands, ex-
30 cept income provided for in section 4166, shall be
31 deposited with the Treasurer of State, to be credited
32 to a Public Reserved Lands Management Fund which is
33 established as a nonlapsing fund. Any interest earned
34 on this money shall also be credited to the Public
35 Reserved Land Management Fund.

36 Expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Man-
37 agement Fund are subject to legislative approval in
38 the same manner as appropriations from the General

1 Fund. No money may be expended without allocation by
2 the Legislature. The joint standing committee of the
3 Legislature having jurisdiction over natural re-
4 sources shall approve the allocations.

5 The Director of the Bureau of Public Lands shall
6 use 50% of the net income derived from camp leases on
7 the public reserved lands under section 4162, subsec-
8 tion 4, for the construction and maintenance of pub-
9 lic overnight campsites and other camping and recrea-
10 tional facilities.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this new draft is to eliminate any
13 need for a new Commission on Public Lands Policy and
14 to instead clarify and expand the existing reporting
15 requirements of the Director of the Bureau of Public
16 Lands. The new report includes information on the bu-
17 reau's activities during the past year in addition to
18 any income and expenditure information. The existing
19 report requirement on public access and campsite fees
20 is transferred from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
21 30 to Title 12. The report would be submitted to the
22 Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
23 sources.

24 The new draft also gives the Joint Standing Com-
25 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources authority over
26 the budget of the Bureau of Public Land.

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