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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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No. 1627

8 S.P. 616

In Senate, May 28, 1985

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

11 Under suspension of the Rules Read Once Without Reference to a
Committee and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Kany of Kennebec.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Mitchell of Freeport, President Pray of
Penobscot and Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

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

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

24 C. Make a written report on or before the 30th
25 day of each the first regular legislative session
26 to the Legislature or to such committee as it
27 appoints joint standing committee of the Legisla-
28 ture having jurisdiction over natural resources,
29 containing a complete accounting of the income
30 and expenditures of the Bureau of Public Lands
31 during the biennium ending on the 31st day of De-
32 cember next preceding the convening of such ses-
33 sion. The report shall also contain a summary of
34 the bureau's management activities during the
35 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 shall approve the
21 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 appropriations
4 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 bill is to clarify and ex-
13 pand the existing reporting requirements of the Di-
14 rector of the Bureau of Public Lands. The new report
15 includes information on the bureau's activities dur-
16 ing the past year in addition to any income and ex-
17 penditure information. The existing report require-
18 ment on public access and campsite fees is trans-
19 ferred from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 to
20 Title 12. The report would be submitted to the Joint
21 Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

22 The bill also gives the Joint Standing Committee
23 on Appropriations and Financial Affairs authority
24 over the budget of the Bureau of Public Land.

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