

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document No. 29
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8 S.P. 41 In Senate, January 22, 1987
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10 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
11 Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

12 Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec.
13 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

14 Cosponsored by Representative HOLLOWAY of Edgecomb,
15 Representative MITCHELL of Freeport, Representative COLES of
16 Harpswell.
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18 STATE OF MAINE
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20 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
21 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

22 AN ACT to Continue Geological Research and to
23 Monitor Federal Research Regarding
24 High-level Radioactive Waste Disposal.
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26 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
27 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
28 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

29 Whereas, the possibility exists that the United
30 States Department of Energy may once again select
31 sites in the State as candidates for its high-level
32 waste repository program; and

Whereas, the State requires further geological
information on the potential sites in this State; and

Whereas, geological fieldwork in the State is
limited to the summer and fall season; and

1 Whereas, the State should also monitor ongoing
2 federal research into the geology of crystalline rock
3 formations; and

4 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
5 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
6 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
7 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
8 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
11 follows:

12 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
13 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
14 of this Act.

15 1987-88

16 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

17	Maine Geological Survey	
18	All Other	\$ 90,900
19	To provide funding for	
20	detailed geological	
21	fieldwork on the Sebago	
22	Lake Batholith, the Bot-	
23	tle Lake Complex and the	
24	Deblois Pluton.	
25	Fieldwork will include	
26	seismic reflection	
27	profiling, collection of	
28	gravity data, mapping of	
29	brittle structures and	
30	related topographic and	
31	photolineament studies.	

32	Maine Geological Survey	
33	All Other	9,100

1 To provide funds allowing
2 the Maine Geological Sur-
3 vey and the Advisory Com-
4 mission on Radioactive
5 Waste to monitor federal
6 programs regarding the
7 location and development
8 of repositories for
9 high-level radioactive
10 waste, including visiting
11 the United State-Canadian
12 research project at Lac
13 du Bonnet, Manitoba.

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15 TOTAL \$100,000

16 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
17 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
18 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The State's initial response to the United States
3 Department of Energy's choice of 2 potential
4 high-level radioactive waste repositories in this
5 State relied heavily on geological information de-
6 scribing the bedrock of the 2 sites. Despite the
7 suspension of the federal search for an eastern re-
8 pository site, the possibility remains that the
9 United States Department of Energy will return to
10 this State in search of sites for the disposal of
11 high-level radioactive waste. It is imperative that
12 this State continue to develop detailed geological
13 data on all potential sites in the State in order to
14 be prepared for these renewed efforts. The State
15 must also remain fully informed of federal research
16 efforts that could affect the choice of repository
17 sites in the State. Joint United States-Canadian re-
18 search into crystalline rock formations near Lac du
19 Bonnet, Manitoba may yield results to use to State
20 researchers and policymakers.

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