

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1117

H.P. 826 House of Representatives, April 7, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Representatives MCGOWAN of Canaan and
JACQUES of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Funds to Map
Significant Aquifers.

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

Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 403.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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<u>CONSERVATION,</u>		
<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		

Maine Geological Survey		
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All Other	\$90,000	\$30,000
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1 These funds will enable
 2 the State to acquire in
 3 kind services to com-
 4 plete the final 2 years
 5 of a 7-year comprehen-
 6 sive ground water
 7 aquifer program.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill provides funding to finish a sand and
 10 gravel aquifer program undertaken by the Department
 11 of Environmental Protection, Department of Conserva-
 12 tion and the United States Geological Survey. The
 13 program identifies sand and gravel aquifers and po-
 14 tential contamination sites on the aquifers, as well
 15 as assesses the current water quality in the aqwi-
 16 fers. The project has mapped most of the inhabited
 17 portions of the State and requires one additional
 18 field season and a year of map compilation to be com-
 19 plete. Fieldwork will focus in the Bangor,
 20 Millinocket, Lincoln and Houlton areas.

21 Support from the United States Environmental Pro-
 22 tection Agency which has funded this project in the
 23 past has been eliminated. Without this funding,
 24 Maine loses matching funds and the participation of
 25 the United States Geological Survey. The General
 26 Fund appropriation is critical to develop a compre-
 27 hensive data base for ground water management within
 28 the State. The program must be completed to give
 29 both regulators and developers the uniform data base
 30 and map set on which to base decisions.

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