

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1273

S.P. 415

In Senate, April 15, 1987

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Gray,  
Representative LACROIX of Oakland, Representative WENTWORTH of  
Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Maintain Lifeguard Services  
in State Government.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§10, as amended by PL 1973, c. 460, §19, is further amended to read:

10. Employees. To fix the duties of and to employ permanently or part time such employees and other personnel, subject to the Personnel Civil Service Law, as the bureau may from time to time deem necessary in the discharge of its duties under this chapter; and to accept gifts and bequests of money or other personal property to be used in advancing the recreational and conservation interests in state parks. The Bureau of Parks and Recreation will des-

1 ignite an employee to serve as coordinator of life-  
2 guard training.

3 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §602-A is enacted to read:

4 §602-A. Lifeguard training

5 The Bureau of Parks and Recreation shall oversee  
6 the existing lifeguard training being conducted by  
7 the Lifeguard Academy. The training procedures shall  
8 be in compliance with the guidelines for open-water  
9 lifeguard training, promulgated by the United States  
10 Lifesaving Association.

11 Sec. 3. Study. The Joint Standing Committee on  
12 State and Local Government, assisted by the Bureau of  
13 Parks and Recreation, shall conduct a feasibility  
14 study on the following issues:

15 1. Establishing a permanent lifeguard coordina-  
16 tor position in the Bureau of Parks and Recreation;

17 2. Establishing a State Park Lifeguard Service  
18 within the Operations and Maintenance Division of the  
19 Bureau of Parks and Recreation; establishing a Chief  
20 of Service position, as well as a separate operation  
21 budget including office expenses, training, equipment  
22 and uniforms; and transferring all lifeguard positions  
23 to the service for assignment to state parks; and

24 3. Establishing a state program to assist all  
25 lifeguard services with guidelines for hiring and  
26 training.

27 The committee shall develop a 5-year plan and  
28 submit their report, along with the plan, to the Sec-  
29 ond Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

30 The committee members shall receive compensation  
31 for expenses only.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill recognizes the activities of the de-  
3 partment in relation to lifeguard services to parks  
4 and facilities, public contact for service and infor-  
5 mation.

6 This bill also authorizes a study to be conducted  
7 by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local  
8 Government for the purpose of reviewing the recruit-  
9 ment and assignment of lifeguards; training, testing  
10 and certification; equipment, uniforms and standards  
11 of service and budget needs for operation and mainte-  
12 nance of service separate from the other needs of  
13 park operations.

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