

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H.P. 1558 House of Representatives, January 22, 1988
Reported by Representative TARDY from the Committee on
Agriculture pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter 50.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and
printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for Mapping of Sand**
2 **and Gravel Aquifers.**
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 **Appropriation.** The following funds are
7 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
8 purposes of this Act.

1 1988-89

2 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

3 Maine Geological Survey

4 All Other \$90,000

5 These funds enable
6 the State to acquire
7 in-kind services to
8 complete the final
9 year of a 7-year
10 comprehensive sand
11 and gravel aquifer
12 program in accordance
13 with the Maine
14 Revised Statutes,
15 Title 38, section
16 403, on ground water
17 quality. Funds shall
18 carry forward to June
19 30, 1990.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill is a result of a study of pesticide
22 regulation by the Joint Standing Committee on
23 Agriculture. The significant Sand and Gravel Aquifers
24 Mapping Program was initiated in 1981 to accurately
25 define sand and gravel aquifers and describe their
26 characteristics. The maps show aquifers capable of
27 yielding more than 10 gallons per minute and other
28 pertinent information widely used to make
29 environmentally sound siting decisions, to show areas
30 suitable for the development of community or
31 industrial water supply wells and to locate valuable
32 resource areas for protection through local land use
33 ordinances.

34 Significant sand and gravel aquifer maps are
35 available for the southern portion of the State and
36 are being prepared for eastern and northern Maine.

1 Field work, however, has not been completed in the
2 central portion of the State. These funds will allow
3 the completion of mapping in the Old Town, Lincoln and
4 Millinocket areas in the summer of 1988. Additional
5 funding will be needed in the future for mapping in
6 the Houlton, Rangeley, Kingfield and Dover-Foxcroft
7 areas.

8 Without additional funding, the State will lose
9 the participation and dollar-for-dollar match of the
10 United States Geological Survey.

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