

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2445

H.P. 1784 House of Representatives, March 4, 1988  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the  
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Casco.  
Cosponsored by Representatives MICHAUD of East  
Millinocket, PARENT of Benton and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Protect Lake Water from  
Phosphorous Pollution.

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

6 Sec. 1. 38 MRS §390-A, §§3 to 5 are enacted to  
7 read:

8 3. Intensive staffing program. The department

1 shall establish an intensive staffing program which  
2 shall provide adequate staffing at both the state and  
3 regional levels. The department shall provide  
4 technical information and guidance and the regional  
5 agencies shall assist with the adoption of revised  
6 comprehensive plans, standards and local ordinances by  
7 local governments.

8 4. Public education program. The department  
9 shall develop a coordinated public education program  
10 which shall target school children and involve  
11 extensive use of the media.

12 5. Research. The department shall encourage  
13 internal research focused on the following statewide  
14 topics:

15 A. Lake vulnerability, particularly as it relates  
16 to noncultural features of the watershed;

17 B. The effectiveness and design of the best  
18 management practices to control phosphorous  
19 pollution; and

20 C. New lake and watershed diagnostic tools.

21 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are  
22 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
23 purposes of this Act.

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25 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
26 DEPARTMENT OF

27 Lake Restoration and Protection  
28 Fund

29 All Other \$330,000

1 Provides funds to  
2 allow the department  
3 to contract with  
4 regional planning  
5 agencies to accomplish  
6 the purposes of this  
7 Act.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 Maine is presently exposed to unprecedented  
10 development pressures which may, via increased  
11 cumulative phosphorous loading, significantly degrade  
12 the water quality of many lakes. There is an  
13 immediate need for an intensive program aimed at  
14 enhancing public awareness of the potential for lake  
15 degradation and providing local governments with the  
16 means to prevent it. The State's present lake  
17 protection and restoration program already addresses  
18 these objectives to a limited degree, but falls short  
19 in 3 essential areas. The program will be  
20 significantly expanded as delineated in this bill.

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