

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

Legislative Document

No. 1052

H.P. 748

House of Representatives, April 5, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Representative CARTER of Winslow, Representative JACQUES of Waterville and Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Amend the Budget to Fund a Position in the Department of
Environmental Protection to Review Hydropower Applications.**



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

3 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the
5 General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1990-91

7 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Bureau of Land Quality Control**

13 **Division of Natural Resources**

15 **Hydropower Review Unit**

17	Positions	(1)
	Personal Services	\$28,300
19	All Other	7,075
	Capital Expenditures	2,000

21 Provides funds for use solely in the
23 hydropower review unit to assist in the
25 review of hydropower licenses and
27 relicenses, including assistance in the
consultation process pursuant to relicensing
under the Federal Power Act.

29 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

31 **TOTAL** \$37,375

33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

35
37 Currently, only one position in the Department of
39 Environmental Protection is assigned to review all the
41 applications for licenses for hydropower permits under state law,
43 to participate in and comment on all the applications for
45 relicensing of hydropower dams under the Federal Power Act and to
deal with all other dam-related environmental problems as they
occur throughout the State. This staffing is inadequate to
respond to arising complex and varied environmental problems,
especially since 25 federal licenses are to be renewed before
1991. This bill provides resources for adequate staffing.