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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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H.P. 1210

House of Representatives, May 22, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Senator WEBSTER of Franklin and Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Protect and Preserve Certain Property in Saco Owned by the Finance Authority of Maine.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Finance Authority of Maine is the owner of certain property located in Saco between Flag Pond Road, the Maine Turnpike and the Saco and Scarborough town line, which property was formerly used to deposit wastes from a leather tannery and is commonly known as the Saco Tannery Waste Pits Site; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, has placed the site on the national priorities list, making the site eligible to receive Federal Superfund money for remedial action; and

Whereas, EPA has requested, as a precondition to issuing its record of decision establishing the remedial action plan for the site, that the Legislature enact necessary controls to assure that the site is not developed or disturbed in any way that might result in the release or exposure of contaminants in the future; and

Whereas, legislative action must be taken promptly in order that the EPA record of decision can be issued and remedial action begun as promptly as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Preserve created. Resolved: That the property currently owned by the Finance Authority of Maine and located in Saco is hereby designated a wildlife preserve, upon which no development shall be undertaken and no disturbance of the surface of the ground may take place other than as may be necessary to isolate, protect and remediate the wastes currently located on the property.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve establishes a wildlife preserve in Saco at the site of the Saco Tannery Waste Pits, restricting development or disturbance of the soil which could result in release or exposure of wastes located at the site.