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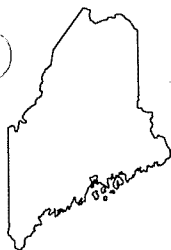
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOULD of Waldo
Cosponsored by Representative SWAZEY of Bucksport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Allow Fort Knox State Park in Prospect to Retain All or Part
of Its Admission Fees.**



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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 875,
4 Pt. E, §10, is further amended to read:

6 **4. Fees for services and accommodations.** With the consent
8 of the Governor and Council, the bureau may:

10 A. Furnish accommodations and render services to the public
on state parks and parks under state control; and

12 B. Charge reasonable fees for such services and
14 accommodations.

16 All ~~Except as provided in subsection 4-A, all~~ fees received under
this subsection accrue to the General Fund, ~~except that effective~~
18 ~~July 1, 1990, all revenues resulting from an increase in fees in~~
~~the Allagash Wilderness Waterway accrue to a dedicated revenue~~
20 ~~account to be used for capital improvements in the Allagash~~
~~Wilderness Waterway and, in fiscal year 1990-91 only, engineering~~
22 ~~plans for reconstruction of Churchill Dam.~~ In cases where fees
may be more efficiently collected through 3rd party contracts, a
24 percentage of the fee may be retained by the contractor for
services, as agreed upon by the bureau.

26 Fifteen percent of all day use and camping fees received under
this subsection in any state-owned land under jurisdiction of the
28 bureau must be apportioned and paid to all municipalities having
such land within their boundaries. In determining the payment to
30 each municipality, the bureau shall assign one unit per front
foot for each foot of lake, pond, ocean or major river frontage
32 and 5 units for each acre of all said lands within the
municipality. Frontage and acreage must be determined as of
34 April 1st for the year in which revenue is being apportioned and
computed to the nearest whole unit. The bureau shall increase the
36 fees charged by it under this subsection by an amount that will
reflect the loss of revenue to the State occasioned by such
38 payment to the municipalities;

40 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

42 **4-A. Exceptions.** The following exceptions to subsection 4
44 apply.

46 A. Effective July 1, 1990, all revenues resulting from an
increase in fees in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway accrue
48 to a dedicated revenue account to be used for capital
improvements in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and, in
50 fiscal year 1990-91 only, engineering plans for
reconstruction of Churchill Dam.

2 B. Fees derived from the Fort Knox State Park and other
3 income identified in section 610 accrue to the Fort Knox
4 Improvement Fund.

6 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§21** is enacted to read:

8 21. Fort Knox Improvement Fund. The bureau shall
9 administer the Fort Knox Improvement Fund established under
10 section 610.

12 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §610** is enacted to read:

14 **§610. Fort Knox Improvement Fund**

16 The Fort Knox Improvement Fund is established within the
17 bureau for the purpose of providing needed improvements to the
18 Fort Knox State Park.

20 Income from user fees of the Fort Knox State Park, profits
21 from the park's canteen services, gifts, grants, bequests and
22 other sources of dedicated revenue must be deposited in this
23 fund. The fund may not lapse but must carry forward to be used
24 for the same purpose.

26 All funds of the Fort Knox Improvement Fund are subject to
27 allocation by the Legislature.

28 **Sec. 5. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
29 Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Fort Knox Improvement Fund		
All Other	\$6,588	\$26,350
Provides funds for improvements to the Fort Knox State Park.		

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 The purpose of this bill is to provide funds for repairs at
47 the Fort Knox facility. This bill directs the Bureau of Parks
48 and Recreation within the Department of Conservation to retain
49 user fees and other park resources from Fort Knox State Park and
50 to establish a dedicated fund to be used for improvements to Fort
51 Knox State Park. This bill also restructures the existing
52 section of law regarding fees for park services and
accommodations.