

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 696, L.D. 1000, Bill, "An Act to Preserve Public Ownership of Historic Fort Gorges in Casco Bay"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1983, c. 70, sub-§2 is amended to read:

2. Notice by City of Portland. The City of Portland shall notify within 48 hours of receipt the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation of any bona fide offer to purchase Fort Gorges. The State, through the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, shall have the first right to purchase Fort Gorges at the offered price. The State, through the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, may assign the right of first refusal to a Maine nonprofit historical or Maine nonprofit environmental group. A nonprofit historical or nonprofit environmental group that is assigned the right of first refusal must guarantee the continuing use of Fort Gorges by the public as a national historic monument as required by the Deed of Conveyance to the City of Portland from the United States of America, acting through the Administrator of General Services, filed October 13, 1960 in Book 2568, Page 117 at the Registry of Deeds, Cumberland County, Maine.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1983, c.70, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Sale price. The City of Portland shall convey Fort Gorges to the State, or to the Maine nonprofit historical or Maine nonprofit environmental group assigned the right of first refusal by the State, for the sum of \$1.

FISCAL NOTE

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This bill allows the State to purchase Fort Gorges from the City of Portland for \$1 and allows the State the right to assign its right of first refusal to certain nonprofit groups. If the State purchases Fort Gorges, there may be future costs to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation for administration and operations. The amount of these costs can not be determined at this time.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment grants the State the power to assign its right of first refusal to a Maine nonprofit historical or Maine nonprofit environmental group if a bona fide purchase offer for Fort Gorges is received by the City of Portland. The responsibility to continue public access to Fort Gorges as a public historical monument is required by the deed. The amendment also sets the sale price at \$1 and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on State and Local Government  
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House  
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