

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 158

S.P. 48

In Senate, January 14, 1997

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**An Act to Preserve Public Springs.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton and  
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, JONES of Bar Harbor.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

6 10. Maintenance of public springs. The commissioner shall  
8 make every effort to maintain public springs on property under  
10 the department's jurisdiction. The commissioner shall allow  
12 municipalities or county commissioners in unorganized territories  
14 to arrange and pay for tests of those springs to verify  
16 compliance with applicable state and federal laws on drinking  
18 water quality. If the spring meets all applicable state and  
20 federal standards, the department shall maintain or allow the  
22 municipality or county to maintain the spring as a source of  
water for the public.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill urges the Commissioner of Transportation to make  
20 efforts to keep public springs open and requires the commissioner  
22 to allow municipal or county officials to pay for testing of  
water to verify compliance with applicable state and federal  
drinking water standards.