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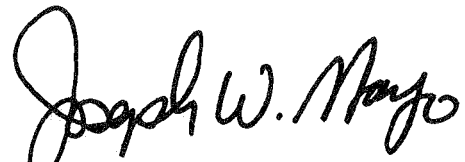
H.P. 1586

House of Representatives, February 17, 1998

**An Act to Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to  
Grant a License for Groundwater Extraction at Range Ponds State Park.**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FOSTER of Gray,  
GERRY of Auburn, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PINKHAM of Brunswick, Senator:  
KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §602, sub-§18**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §91, is amended to read:

6       **18. Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities**  
7       **Development Fund.** To administer the Maine State Parks and  
8       Recreational Facilities Development Fund established under  
10       section 609-~~i~~:

12       **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §609**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 710, §2, is  
14       amended to read:

16       **§609. Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities Development**  
18       **Fund**

20       The Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities  
22       Development Fund is established within the bureau for the purpose  
24       of developing new, maintaining and managing state parks and other  
26       recreational facilities on state-owned-land lands owned or leased  
28       by the bureau.

30       Income from legislative appropriation, gifts, grants and,  
32       bequests and other sources approved by the Legislature may be  
34       deposited in this fund. The fund ~~shall-be~~ is nonlapsing. Any  
36       interest earned on money in the fund must also be credited to the  
38       fund.

40       All funds of the Maine State Parks and Recreational  
42       Facilities Development Fund ~~shall-be~~ are subject to allocation by  
44       the Legislature.

46       **Sec. 3. Authorization for the Director of the Bureau of Parks and**  
48       **Lands to grant a license to Poland Spring Water Co. for commercial**  
      **extraction of groundwater at Range Ponds State Park.** The Director of  
      the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized to grant a license to  
      the Poland Spring Water Co. for the commercial extraction of  
      groundwater at Range Ponds State Park, under such terms and  
      conditions as the director considers appropriate to make the  
      commercial extraction compatible with public uses of the park and  
      otherwise in the public interest.

**Sec. 4. Use of revenues.** Revenues from the extraction of  
      groundwater authorized by this Act must be deposited into the  
      Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities Development Fund  
      established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 609.

## SUMMARY

2           This bill specifically authorizes the Director of the Bureau  
4 of Parks and Lands to grant a license to the Poland Spring Water  
6 Co. for commercial extraction of groundwater at Range Ponds State  
8 Park in Poland, Maine. Revenues generated by groundwater  
10 extraction at Range Ponds State Park will be deposited into the  
Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities Development Fund,  
which is dedicated to repair, development and management projects  
that will enhance and expand public recreational opportunities.