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In Senate, January 11, 1999

An Act to Create a Toll-free Telephone Line for the State Parks System.

(EMERGENCY)

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, MAYO of Bath, PEAVEY of Woolwich.

_	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
4	as emergencies; and
1	Whereas, access to timely information on the availability of
6	camping facilities and opportunities for day use within our state
	parks is essential to residents and tourists for a positive
8	experience and enjoyment of these facilities; and
10	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
12	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
14	safety; now, therefore,
16	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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18	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1827-A is enacted to read:
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20	\$1827-A. State parks information system
22	The bureau shall establish and maintain a toll-free
	telephone line to provide information on the use status of state
24	parks. This system must be operational from April 15th to
	October 15th of each year and must provide information on the
26	availability of campsites at each of the state parks with
28	overnight camping facilities, and parking availability for day use at each of the state parks at the time an inquiry is
20	received. Beginning on June 15, 1999, this information must be
30	available toll-free for Popham Beach State Park. This
	information must be available for all state parks by April 15,
3 2	2000.
34	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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38	SUMMARY

This bill requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands to establish a toll-free line to provide current information on the

availability of campsites and parking for day use at state parks.

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