

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 383

H.P. 275

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act to Require Legislative Approval to Lease Land to the Federal Government.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GILLIS of Danforth,  
JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Greenville, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: DAVIS of  
Piscataquis.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1814**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:

6 **§1814. Convey land**

8 Consistent with section 598-A, the bureau may sell and  
10 convey lands under this subchapter and improvements on those  
12 lands. With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner and  
14 with the approval of 2/3 of the members of each House of the  
16 Legislature and subject to the provisions of section 598-A, the  
18 bureau may convey interests in lands or lease the same. Any lease  
entered into must be canceled or revoked after due notice of  
intention to cancel or revoke the lease by action of the bureau  
when the use for which that lease was given has been abandoned or  
materially modified or whenever the conditions imposed in any  
lease have been broken.

20 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1838, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678,  
22 §13, is amended to read:

24 **7. Lease of nonreserved public lands to Federal**  
26 **Government.** With the consent of the Governor and the  
28 commissioner and with the approval of 2/3 of the members of each  
House of the Legislature, the director may lease to the Federal  
Government the right to use nonreserved public lands.

30 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1852, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678,  
§13, is amended to read:

32 **7. Lease of public reserved lands to Federal Government.**  
34 With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner and with  
36 the approval of 2/3 of the members of each House of the  
Legislature, the bureau may lease to the Federal Government the  
right to use public reserved lands.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 Under current law, the Legislature must approve by a 2/3  
42 majority all sales of public land to the Federal Government.  
44 This bill extends that requirement to leasing of public land to  
the Federal Government, which now requires only the consent of  
the Governor and the Commissioner of Conservation.