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No. 694

H.P. 487

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Increase the Number of Elm Trees in the State.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, FISHER of Brewer, JABAR of Waterville, O'NEIL
of Saco, TESSIER of Fairfield, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senator: CAREY of Kennebec.

Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1999-00

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

10 Division of Forest Policy and Management

12 All Other \$1,000,000

Appropriates funds to be used to develop a program to increase the number of elm trees in the State. The appropriated funds must be used as grants to match on a one-to-one basis funds raised by municipally recognized tree boards. Fifty percent of the state grants must be used for the planting of new elm trees. Grants must be made on the basis of recommendations received from the Community Forestry Council of Maine.

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SUMMARY

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