

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1694

H.P. 1184

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

**Resolve, to Grant Salvage Rights for Revolutionary War Vessels  
Submerged in the Penobscot River to the Brewer Historical Society and  
the Bangor Historical Society.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRAGDON of Bangor, FISHER of  
Brewer, PERRY of Bangor, SAXL of Bangor, Senators: MURRAY of Penobscot, RUHLIN  
of Penobscot.

2           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts and resolves of the  
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** Revolutionary War vessels of potential historical  
significance are submerged in the Penobscot River near the cities  
of Brewer and Bangor; and

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10          **Whereas,** salvage of those vessels will contribute to the  
historical record of the State and an understanding of important  
events in the formation of our nation; and

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14          **Whereas,** immediate authorization for salvage of the vessels  
is necessary so that dredging of the Penobscot River in the area  
where the vessels are submerged may take place in order to ensure  
the unimpeded passage of vessels on the river; and

18          **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore, be it

24          **Sec. 1. Salvage rights granted to Brewer Historical Society and  
Bangor Historical Society. Resolved:** That the State grants to the  
26 Brewer Historical Society and the Bangor Historical Society equal  
rights in the salvage of Revolutionary War vessels submerged in  
28 the Penobscot River.

30          **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

34                                       **SUMMARY**

36          This resolve grants equal rights to the Brewer Historical  
Society and the Bangor Historical Society to salvage  
38 Revolutionary War vessels submerged in the Penobscot River.