

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Mines and Mining and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hathorn of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to the Creation of a Bureau of Mining for Research
Purposes.**

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

Sec. 1. Creation of a bureau of mining. There shall be, and hereby is, created and established a bureau of mining which shall have its office in the capitol building at Augusta.

Sec. 2. Appointment of geologist and maintenance. The governor, with the advice of the council, shall appoint a geologist to hold office for the term of 3 years, who shall have general supervision of the administration of the bureau. He shall be authorized to employ such clerical force including a mineralogist to perform the duties pertaining to this department, and to incur such outlays, for travel, portage, laboratory equipment, field instruments and other expenses necessary to the maintenance of the department.

Sec. 3. Duties of bureau. It shall be the duties of said bureau to
(1) Make a thorough investigation of mineral industries already in existence, and the deposits upon which they are based, for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating such industries, and improving efficiency and safety of operation.

(2) Make an investigation of such potentially valuable mineral deposits as are known to exist for the purpose of establishing them or rejecting them as bases for immediate or future development.

(3) Search for mineral deposits of immediate or possible future value in those portions of the state which have not, as yet, been carefully explored.

(4) Make an investigation, at the request of individuals, corporations, or communities, of mineral deposits, for the purpose of determining the advisability of further prospecting or development.

(5) Prevent, by investigation and exercise of authority, fraudulent and ill-considered mineral enterprises.

(6) Make a preliminary identification of mineral materials, for the purpose of advising individuals, etc., as to the value of further expenditure of time and money in future prospecting or development.

(7) Furnish advice in regard to methods of prospecting, mining, quarrying, milling, and marketing.

(8) Conduct research in utilization of mineral materials, and methods for such utilization.

(9) Compile all obtainable data, economic and general, on the rocks and minerals of the state.

(10) Prepare and distribute, as occasion warrants, to individuals, schools, libraries, newspapers, and technical publications of brief reports on matters of immediate interest or importance.

(11) Compile such data as may be requested by federal bureaus.

(12) Cooperate with state departments in matters pertaining to rocks and minerals.

(13) Conduct an educational campaign, through schools, granges, etc., for the purpose of stimulating interest in mineral resources.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. For the purposes of the maintenance of said bureau there shall annually be appropriated the sum of \$10,500.