

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Knapp of Yarmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing for Construction of Roadside Picnic Areas.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the present accommodations for picnic areas are grossly inadequate; and

Whereas, adequate picnic areas for tourists are necessary to increase the tourist trade; and

Whereas, another year's delay in supplying this need will seriously injure summer business in the state; and

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, § 74-A, additional.** Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 74-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 74-A. Construction of picnic areas, etc. authorized; how maintained.** The state highway commission is hereby authorized to construct along state and state aid highways roadside picnic areas, roadside springs,

scenic turnouts or other landscaping where in the opinion of the state highway commission it may seem advisable and place distinguishing signs upon the same; and the commission is further authorized to use for the maintenance of the same such funds as are now available for maintenance of state and state aid highways.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** For the completion of the above project, there is hereby allocated from funds set aside for maintenance of state and state aid highways the sum of \$25,000, which sum shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.