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H. P. 658

House of Representatives, February 1, 1951

Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County  
to Issue Bonds for Bridge Repairs.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, new fender piers for Portland Bridge are urgently needed because the present fender piers afford no protection whatever to the superstructure of the bridge and great damage has occurred and may occur again for lack of proper protection; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the floor system of draw span of Portland Bridge should be rebuilt because the present floor system has deteriorated by age and use so that it is not adequate for present traffic and does not properly protect the structure beneath; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the electrical and mechanical equipment which operates the draw span of Portland Bridge should be renewed because the present equipment has deteriorated by wear so that it is no longer reliable or efficient; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the curbs, sidewalks and fences of Portland Bridge should be rebuilt because the present curbs, sidewalks and fences have deteriorated

with age so that they do not adequately protect the public and the sub-structure of the bridge; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, the cost of the above described projects is estimated to be about \$650,000, in addition to amount already authorized, which amount is deemed too great to be provided for in the biennial estimates; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the county commissioners of Cumberland county, public convenience and necessity require the execution of the above described projects in order to maintain Portland Bridge safe and dependable for travel by persons and vehicles and for navigation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution 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:

**Bond issue authorized.** The county commissioners of Cumberland county, in order to provide funds to pay for the repairs and reconstruction of Portland Bridge as described in the foregoing emergency preamble, are hereby authorized to issue the interest-bearing bonds of said Cumberland county to an amount not to exceed \$650,000. Said bonds shall bear such rates of interest and mature at such times as said county commissioners may determine; but none of which shall run for a longer period than 20 years from the date of original issue thereof. Such bonds shall be valid without first obtaining the consent of said county as provided in sections 26 and 27 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes.

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