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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 855

H. P. 770

House of Representatives, February 22, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to An Aerial Timber Survey.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the State of Maine needs a timber inventory and the State Forestry Department, in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service, has an opportunity to make a timber survey of the State if the State will supply aerial photographs; and

Whereas, private industry has agreed to release existing aerial photographs of their lands for this survey, without charge, at a saving to the State of \$50,000 and the U. S. Forest Service has \$150,000 available for the project; and

Whereas, it is necessary to do the aerial mapping whenever the weather permits in 1955; and

Whereas, failure to provide funds to make the maps would hold up or stop the survey; 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:

Aerial survey; appropriation for. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$15,000 to the Forestry

Department to complete aerial maps of unphotographed areas of the State for a timber survey.

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