

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1347**

S. P. 478

In Senate, March 17, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Chapman of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Granting Powers to Federal Government Relative to Prospecting for  
Military Strategic Minerals.**

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

R. S., c. 40, § 15, additional. Chapter 40 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section to be numbered 15 to read as follows:

‘Sec. 15. Military strategic deposits. If deposits of metals or minerals of military strategic value are known to exist, or there are reasons indicating such existence, the United States Atomic Energy Commission or its designated agency may, on any land in the State, prospect, test and assay to determine the existence and extent of such deposits. Such prospecting shall not be a trespass but damages, if any, shall be determined as in cases of condemnation for public purposes.’