

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1993**

**INLAND FISHERIES AND  
WILDLIFE,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Nongame Endangered Species**

All Other \$10,000

Provides for an allocation to partially cover the costs of conducting a study on the level of contaminants found in baby eagles.

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**CHAPTER 79**

**S.P. 691 - L.D. 1877**

**An Act to Authorize the Artisans  
School to Grant Degrees**

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

**Sec. 1. Degree.** The Artisans School, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State, may confer the Associate of Science degree on all students who successfully complete the course of study prescribed by the school, the first degree to be awarded at the end of the 1994-95 academic year.

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**CHAPTER 80**

**H.P. 278 - L.D. 356**

**An Act to Establish a Study Group on  
Energy and the Environment**

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

**Sec. 1. Externalities study; study group.** The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, the Director of the State Planning Office and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection constitute a study group for the purposes of conducting a study of externalities in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

**1. Duties.** To the extent possible, within available resources, the study group shall:

**1994-95**

A. Create a comprehensive library within the Public Utilities Commission of literature on environmental externalities. In creating the library, the study group shall create a separate file containing available summaries of the literature. The study group shall also identify specifically those portions of the literature that provide methods of evaluating the relative magnitude of different externalities;

B. Summarize state and federal environmental policies and regulations that presently impact the pricing of regulated and unregulated energy resources in Maine. The study group shall attempt, as far as possible, to quantify these impacts;

C. For the various energy resources, identify the most significant categories of environmental impacts that are not currently reflected in current pricing; and

D. Develop recommendations for preferred methods of accounting for the costs to society and the environment of environmental externalities.

For purposes of this section, the term "externalities" means those short-term and long-term impacts, with primary emphasis on environmental impacts, resulting from the extraction, production, transmission, consumption or utilization of energy or energy resources that are not accounted for or quantified in the context of state energy-regulatory decision making. For purposes of this section, "energy resources" includes energy derived from natural gas, coal, nuclear fuel, water, wind, demand-side management, biomass and refuse-derived fuel and petroleum products.

**Sec. 2. Consultation.** The study group may consult with any state agency, group or person, including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation, the Maine Waste Management Agency, the Public Advocate and the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health.

**Sec. 3. Reports.** On or before January 1, 1995, the study group shall provide an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters outlining its progress in completing its study pursuant to section 1. On or before January 1, 1996, the study group shall provide its final report, with any accompanying recommendations for legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters detailing the results of its study pursuant to section 1.