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**An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the
State to the Town of Bridgton**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GINZLER of Bridgton.
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. PL 1981, c. 343, §2,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 153, is further amended to
3 read:

4 **Sec. 2. Conveyance of land in Bridgton authorized.** The Director of the
5 Bureau of Public Lands is authorized to convey to the Town of Bridgton by quitclaim
6 deed all rights, title and interest of the State in the parcel of land situated in Bridgton
7 which is described in Public Law, 1971, chapter 622, section 144. All revenues received
8 by the Town of Bridgton from the sale of currently developed and leased portions of the
9 parcel described in section 1 shall be held in a permanent reserve fund for use by the
10 town as follows: The income of the fund may be used for acquisition and development of
11 other public lands of the town to provide for public access and use; for the acquisition or
12 development of recreational lands; and for the maintenance and improvement of parks
13 and recreational property of the town. The portion of the parcel described in section 1,
14 not currently developed and leased and not sold by the town under this Act, shall be
15 retained by the town for public use, except that the Town of Bridgton may convey
16 nonwaterfront portions of the parcel described in section 1 if the town determines those
17 portions have no identifiable public use and as long as all revenues received by the Town
18 of Bridgton from any such conveyance are held in a trust fund for parks and recreational
19 purposes of the town. Boundaries of existing leased lots may be expanded by the town to
20 maximize compliance with the Maine State Plumbing Code; and the dimensional
21 requirements of the Bridgton Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and to eliminate undersized
22 rights-of-way that separate several of the existing lots. The town may grant easements to
23 the unleased portions of the parcel described in this section for the purpose of sewage
24 disposal.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill gives the Town of Bridgton the ability to convey nonwaterfront portions of a
27 piece of property held for public use if the town determines the portion to be conveyed
28 has no identifiable public use. It also requires that all revenues received by the town from
29 the conveyance of the nonwaterfront properties be held in a trust fund for parks and
30 recreational purposes.