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An Act To Authorize the Leasing of Rail Crossings

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1814, as amended by PL 1999, c. 240, §1, is further amended to read:

§ 1814. Convey land

Consistent with section 598-A, the bureau may sell and convey lands under this subchapter and improvements on those lands. With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner and subject to the provisions of section 598-A, the bureau may convey interests in lands or lease ~~the same~~ those lands. With the consent of the commissioner, the bureau may lease, for a term not exceeding 5 years, railroad right-of-way crossings under this subchapter for railroads upon which rail service is no longer operated. Any lease to the Federal Government requires the approval of the Legislature. Any lease entered into must be canceled or revoked after due notice of intention to cancel or revoke the lease by action of the bureau when the use for which that lease was given has been abandoned or materially modified or whenever the conditions imposed in any lease have been broken.

SUMMARY

Current law provides that the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands may convey interests in or lease state park lands and historic sites with the approval of both the Commissioner of Conservation and the Governor. This bill authorizes the bureau, with the consent of the commissioner, to lease for a term not exceeding 5 years railroad right-of-way crossings on state park lands and historic sites for railroads upon which rail service is no longer operated.