

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 235

H. P. 177

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,215,000 for the Construction and Improvement of Facilities for the Treatment and Care of the Mentally Ill, Mentally Retarded and the Youthful and Adult Offender at our Mental Health and Corrections Institutions.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$5,215,000 for the purpose of raising funds to provide for such capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings as authorized by section 6. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. Said bonds shall not run for a longer period than 20 years from the date of the original issue thereof. Any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature at the discretion of the Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor and Council.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued to be kept by State Auditor and Treasurer. The State Auditor shall keep an account of such bonds, showing the number and amount of each, the date when payable and the date of delivery

thereof to the Treasurer of State, who shall keep an account of each bond, showing the number thereof, the name of the person to whom sold, the amount received for the same, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale, how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of such bonds by direction of the Governor and Council; but no such bond shall be loaned, pledged or hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sales of such bonds, which shall be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn by the Governor and Council, are appropriated to be used solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the projects listed in section 6 shall lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. Interest due or accruing upon any bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity shall be paid by the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Director of Public Improvements.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund Bond Issue.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Augusta State Hospital	
Continuation of Hospital Buildings and Heating Renovations	243,000
Admissions and Active Treatment Building	1,652,000
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Sub-Total	1,895,000
Bangor State Hospital	
Continuation of Heating, Ward, and Building Renovations	281,000
Superintendent's Residence	43,000
Patient Center	189,000
Maintenance Building	285,000
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Sub-Total	798,000
Pineland Hospital and Training Center	
Complete Renovation of Kupelian Hall	340,000
Maintenance Building	285,000
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Sub-Total	625,000
Boys Training Center	
Convert Heating System	100,000
Medical-Psychiatric Unit—Phase II	194,000
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Sub-Total	294,000

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPT. OF—continued

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Stevens School	
Renovation to Central School Building	274,200
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Sub-Total	274,200
Men's Correctional Center	
Kitchen & Dining Hall	530,000
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Sub-Total	530,000
Maine State Prison	
Ventilation of Cells, Receiving Room and Annex	153,400
Window Replace—Various Buildings	100,000
Install New Locks—East Wing	101,700
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Sub-Total	355,100
Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf	
Addition to Library	66,700
Addition to Gymnasium Building	82,000
Pre-Primary Diagnostic Center (Phase I)	295,000
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Sub-Total	443,700
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TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS	5,215,000

The amount listed after each project is to be construed as a guide and any one or more amounts may be exceeded with the approval of the Governor and Council, by transfer from one project to another but in no instance shall a project be reduced by more than 5% of the amount listed.

Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 of this Act shall not become effective unless and until the people of the State of Maine shall have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 8. Referendum for ratification. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at the next regular or special state-wide election to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question shall be:

“Shall our mental and correctional institutions be enlarged and improved to better accommodate persons with mental, emotional or social disorders by issuing bonds in the amount of \$5,215,000?”

The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of ratification voting “Yes” and those opposed to

ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and Members of the Legislature, and the Governor and Council shall review the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said Act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the Act shall thereupon become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

STATEMENT OF FACT

As recommended in the Executive Budget, this Act provides for a \$5,215,000 bond issue for construction at the several institutions of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.