

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 825**

S. P. 267

In Senate, February 14, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Authorizing a Deficiency Appropriation to the Department of  
the Attorney General for the Present Fiscal Year.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, there has been a tremendous increase in the cost of operation of the Department of the Attorney General in the areas of homicide trials and consumer fraud; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of the Attorney General for the remainder of the current fiscal year to June 30, 1973 to continue the current services of the department, the following sum:

ATTORNEY GENERAL	1972-73
All Other	\$12,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The expenses of the Department of the Attorney General for 7 months this year is \$10,000 more than for the same period last year. Additional personnel has added to cost of supplies. Extra homicide trials have increased the cost of professional services, i.e., expert witness fees. Increased activities in consumer fraud has added extra costs of hearing transcripts and other items.