

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 539

H. P. 451

House of Representatives, February 14, 1979

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations from the General Fund for the Current Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979 and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government.

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

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

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of departments and institutions will become due and payable before July 1, 1979; 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:

PART A

Sec. 1. Appropriations from General Fund. In order to provide for necessary expenditures of government and other purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1979 the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated.

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND
1978-79**

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY

Department of Agriculture

Inspections	
Positions	(1)
Personal Services	2,182
All Other	762
Provides funds for a Produce Inspector II position plus benefits & travel under the Maine Meat Inspection Act.	

TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	2,944
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Department of Educational and Cultural Services

Washington County Vocational Technical Institute	
Positions	(1)
Personal Services	6,075
All Other	14,000
Provides funds for one Building Custodian, fuel and electricity costs at new dormitory. Increased revenue for fiscal year '79 is estimated to be \$24,150.	

TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES	20,075
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Department of Finance and Administration

BPI — Buildings and Grounds Operations	
All Other	100,000
Provides funds for increased costs of Professional Services, Utilities and General Operating Costs.	

BPI — Capital construction, repairs and improvements	
All Other	300,000

Provides funds for renovations to Harlow building into office space.

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND
1978-79****DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY**

TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION 400,000

Independent Agencies — Not Part of State Government

Indian Housing Authority — Penobscot Tribal
Reservation
All Other 39,975

Provides funds to clear outstanding bill or
bills of Wright & Pierce, RE: services before
installation of Water & Sewer Systems.

TOTAL INDEPENDENT AGENCIES — NOT
PART OF STATE GOVERNMENT 39,975

Judicial Department

Supreme Judicial & Superior Courts
Personal Services 72,126
All Other 221,000

District Court
Personal Services 66,467
All Other 278,887

Administrative Court
Personal Services 1,407
All Other 2,513

Provides funds for increased salaries of
Judicial employees and increased costs of
Professional Fees and Services, Rents and
General Operating Expense.

TOTAL JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT 642,500

Department of Mental Health & Corrections

Maine State Prison
All Other 174,319

Provides funds for deficiencies in most all
other costs particularly medical, utilities,
general operations & workmen's
compensation.

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND
1978-79**

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY**TOTAL JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT (Continued)**

Correctional Improvement Program
Unallocated

500,000

Provides funds to upgrade and expand our
capability to cope with the current
correctional needs.

**TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH &
CORRECTIONS**

674,319

Independent Agencies — Not Part of State Government

Maine Maritime Academy
All Other

200,000

Provides funds to apply toward the
reconstruction of Leavitt Hall.

**TOTAL INDEPENDENT AGENCIES — NOT
PART OF STATE GOVERNMENT**

200,000

Secretary of State

Administrative Operations
Positions
Personal Services
All Other
Capital

(1)

900

15,000

Provides position count that relates to C. 526,
P.L. 1977, which approved funds for personal
services, RE: secured transactions under
the Uniform Commercial Code. Intent per
Department of Secretary of State memo of 6-
14-77 was to provide for the additional
position which was omitted in the
preparation of the engrossed copy of the bill.

TOTAL SECRETARY OF STATE

15,900

Treasury Department

Departmental Operations
All Other
Capital

11,500

3,800

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND
1978-79**

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY**TOTAL SECRETARY OF STATE (Continued)**

Provides funds for added postage costs and
funds to replace check photo machine.

TOTAL TREASURY DEPARTMENT 15,300

Department of Finance and Administration

Capital construction, repairs and improvements	2,289,800
All Other	3,933,800
Capital	

Provides funds for the Capital Construction
Repair and Improvement Program. Any
funds remaining in this account on June 30,
1979 shall not lapse but shall carry forward
until June 30, 1981.

**TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION** 6,223,600

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS —
PART A** \$11,570,092

PART B

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 1015, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 712, Part C, § 1, is amended to read:

2. Tax rate. The excise tax on parcels of softwood forest land shall be 37¢ per acre for 1978 and ~~38¢~~ **\$1.15** per acre for 1979. The excise tax on parcels of mixed wood forest land shall be 18½¢ per acre for 1978 and ~~19¢~~ **57½¢** per acre for 1979.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund \$3,335,479 to be credited to the Budworm Suppression Fund and to be expended by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. Any unexpended balance of this appropriation and funds previously appropriated for this purpose shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account for these purposes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1978-79**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

Spruce budworm control	
Unallocated	\$3,335,479
Provides additional funds for spruce budworm suppression and control.	

General Fund Undedicated Revenues from Excise Tax should be increased \$3,073,272 for the fiscal year 1979.

PART C

Sec. 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of (\$5,800,000) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

The breakdown shall be as follows:

1978-79

**EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

General purpose aid for local schools

All Other (\$5,800,000)

PART D

Sec. 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services the following sums for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND
1978-79**

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY

Department of Human Services

Medical Care Services

All Other 2,084,793

Intermediate Care Services

All Other 1,171,714

General Assistance — Reimbursement to Cities
& Towns

All Other (591,000)

State Supplemental to Federal — Supplemental
Security Income (SSI)

All Other (748,000)

Bureau of Resource Development

All Other (745,000)

Free Drugs to Maine's Elderly

All Other (515,000)

Social Welfare — Work

Incentive Program Incentive (WIN)

All Other (94,000)

Health Facilities — Cost Review Board

Personal Services (20,000)

All Other (30,000)

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND
1978-79**

DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY**Department of Human Services (Continued)**

Social Welfare — Food Stamps

Personal Services

(36,000)

All Other

(30,000)

Approval of this request will permit necessary adjustments to the accounts listed for the remainder of fiscal year 1979. The additional General Fund Appropriation is to be supported by an income in Undedicated Revenue of \$447,507 through a federal settlement from previous years' activities. The balance of \$2,809,000 is available by a reduction of the accounts listed with bracketed figures.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

447,507

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

PART A	\$11,570,092
PART B	3,335,479
PART C	(5,800,000)
PART D	447,507
TOTAL	\$9,553,078

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.