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1 2	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
3	ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 2050
7	H. P. 2144 House of Representatives, March 3, 1982 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
8 9	Presented by Representative Lund of Augusta. Cosponsors: Representative Hickey of Augusta, Senator Clark of Cumberland and Senator Ault of Kennebec.
10 11	STATE OF MAINE
12 13 14	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
15 16 17 18	AN ACT to Authorize the Repair, Main- tenance and Improvement of the Building and Grounds of the Statehouse.
19	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
20 21 22 23 24 25	Sec. 1. Bureau of Public Improvements. Funds appropriated by this Act for the repair, maintenance and improvement of the Statehouse shall be expended under the direction of the Bureau of Public Improvements. In the expenditures of these funds, the director shall be advised by an advisory committee consisting of the following members:
26 27	The State Law Librarian, who shall be the chairman of the committee;
28 29	The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission;
30	The Director of the Maine State Museum; and
31	The members of the Capital Planning Commission.

The original members of the advisory committee may serve for the duration of the renovations. The State Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements shall serve as recording secretary to the advisory committee.

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Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8 1982-83 9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, 10 DEPARTMENT OF 11 Public Improvements, 12 Bureau of 13 Exterior improvements to Statehouse 14 Unallocated \$358,100 15 Interior improvements to Statehouse 16 Unallocated 96,485 17 General improvement and renewal of 18 statehouse grounds 19 Unallocated 189,715 20 Total appropriation \$644,300 21 If not expended in 1982-83, these funds shall not lapse but 22 23 shall be carried forward to be 24 expended for the continuation

STATEMENT OF FACT

of the project, but not for more than 2 years from project

initiation.

1982 marks the 150th anniversary of the Maine Statehouse, one of the most important public structures in Maine. In anticipation of this historic commemoration, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission has conducted a study on the preservation and enhancement of the historic and aesthetic integrity of this building. The study recommends extensive maintenance, repair and improvement work to upgrade the condition of the building and grounds.

The study prepared by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission also highlights the dual nature of the Statehouse. First, it is the center of State Government where legislative and executive branches carry out the business of representative government. Second, the Statehouse as an architectural symbol of past achievements, present vitality and future aspirations. Reception average of 15,000 visitors per year for the past decade bears testimony to the interest expressed in this structure its business by both residents and visitors of Maine. These symbolic and functional roles will be enhanced implementing these suggestions for improvement on the exterior, in the interior and on the grounds of the Statehouse, but the work contemplated in this bill only addresses a portion of the major recommendations for improvement advocated by the study.

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It is estimated that the scope of improvement work planned for in this bill will provide the equivalent of 15 to 20 full-time jobs.

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