

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **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.

8 Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for con-
currence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Lund of Augusta.

Cosponsors: Representative Hickey of Augusta, Senator Clark of
Cumberland and Senator Ault of Kennebec.

10 STATE OF MAINE
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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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15 **AN ACT to Authorize the Repair, Main-**
16 **tenance and Improvement of the Building**
17 **and Grounds of the Statehouse.**
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 **Sec. 1. Bureau of Public Improvements.** Funds appro-
21 priated by this Act for the repair, maintenance and improve-
22 ment of the Statehouse shall be expended under the direction
23 of the Bureau of Public Improvements. In the expenditures
24 of these funds, the director shall be advised by an advisory
25 committee consisting of the following members:

26 The State Law Librarian, who shall be the chairman of
27 the committee;

28 The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commis-
29 sion;

30 The Director of the Maine State Museum; and

31 The members of the Capital Planning Commission.

1 The study prepared by the Maine Historic Preservation
2 Commission also highlights the dual nature of the State-
3 house. First, it is the center of State Government where
4 the legislative and executive branches carry out the busi-
5 ness of representative government. Second, the Statehouse
6 stands as an architectural symbol of past achievements,
7 present vitality and future aspirations. Reception of an
8 average of 15,000 visitors per year for the past decade
9 bears testimony to the interest expressed in this structure
10 and its business by both residents and visitors of Maine.
11 These symbolic and functional roles will be enhanced by
12 implementing these suggestions for improvement on the exte-
13 rior, in the interior and on the grounds of the Statehouse,
14 but the work contemplated in this bill only addresses a por-
15 tion of the major recommendations for improvement advocated
16 by the study.

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

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