

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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Legislative Document

No. 97

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H.P. 97

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

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Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed
without reference to committee, sent up for concurrence.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsors: Senator Conley of Cumberland, Senator Collins of Knox and
Representative Higgins of Scarborough.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

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AN ACT Making Additional Authorizations

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and Allocations Relating to Low Income Home

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Energy Assistance Federal Block Grants for the

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Expenditures of State Government for the

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983.

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

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Whereas, the Federal Government has changed its
method of distributing certain funds from categorical
grants to block grants effective October 1, 1981; and

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Whereas, the First Regular Session of the 110th
Legislature enacted legislation requiring legislative
approval prior to the state implementation of federal
block grants; and

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Whereas, it is essential to the well-being of those of our citizens who must rely upon State Government's program of low income home energy assistance that all potential resources be made available in a timely fashion; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the state's low income home energy assistance program will become due and payable before July 1, 1983; 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:

Sec. 1. Block grant authorization. In accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1670, the State is authorized to accept federal block grants in the following amounts:

	<u>STATE</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>1983</u> <u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>STATE</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>1984</u> <u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>STATE</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>1983</u> <u>TOTAL FEDERAL</u> <u>BLOCK GRANT</u>
Low Income			
Home Energy			
Assistance	13,787,355	(3,272,918)	10,514,437

Sec. 2. Block grant allocations. In order to provide for necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, the following sum, as designated in the following tabulation, is allocated from revenues derived from federal block grants. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the federal block grant allocation included in this Act shall be subject to the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585.

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ALLOCATIONS
STATE
FISCAL YEAR
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Division of Community Services

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance

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All Other

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Sec. 3 Additional funds. Any additional funds that might become available due to implementation of block grants and the possible overlapping of other grants shall be carried forward for future allocation by the Legislature or may be used to offset any possible reduction in the block grants.

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Sec. 4. Encumbered balances at year end. At the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered balances shall not be carried more than once.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to make additional authorizations and allocations relating to low income home energy assistance federal block grants for the expenditures of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983.

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