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(EMERGENCY)
(New Title)
(New draft of H.P. 647, L.D. 816)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1495

H.P. 1136

House of Representatives, April 22, 1983

Reported by Representative Carter from the Committee on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2.
Original bill presented by Representative Kiesman of Fryeburg.
Cosponsored by Senator Diamond of Cumberland, Senator Perkins of
Hancock and Representative Connolly of Portland.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide Legislative
Participation in the Allocation of Consumer
Settlements and for Allocation of Funds
for the Low Income Energy Assistance
Program.

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

Whereas, the State has received \$1,450,000 from
settlements of oil overcharge cases and will receive
considerably more money in the near future; and

Whereas, the Legislature is the branch of govern-
ment whose members have been elected to allocate
revenues and protect the public interest; and

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Total Allocation \$750,000

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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 State has received \$1,450,000 as a result of settlements of oil company overcharges. The money has been allocated to the states by Congress for use in energy programs.

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Section 1 of this new draft requires that these federal grants be further allocated by the Legislature. Any legislative allocation would have to be consistent with all federal requirements.

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Section 2 of this new draft provides an immediate allocation of \$750,000 to the low income energy assistance programs from a portion of oil overcharge refunds received by the State. This allocation will permit payment of timely eligible applications which were received but unpaid because the programs have already expended their entire allocation for this year. Immediate action will permit the programs to close out the program year in a timely manner without additional administrative costs.

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