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1 (EMERGENCY)

2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1977

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8 S.P. 719

In Senate, January 24, 1984

9 Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
10 Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Kany of Kennebec.

Cosponsors: Representative Hall of Sangerville.

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18 AN ACT to Reduce Minimum Fees and
19 Provide for Implementation of the
20 Chemical Substance Identification Law.
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22 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the Legislature recognizes the impor-
26 tance of protecting the occupational health and safe-
27 ty of the workers of this State; and

28 Whereas, the Legislature also recognizes that the
29 protection of workers' safety and health can and
30 should be accomplished without placing unnecessary
31 burdens on employers; and

32 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
33 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
34 the Constitution of Maine and require the following

1 legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore,
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1706-A, sub-§4, as enacted by
7 PL 1983, c. 568, §15, is amended to read:

8 4. Assistance to employers. The director may
9 provide assistance to employers in the development
10 and conduct of training programs for employees and
11 local public safety personnel and the completion of
12 material safety data sheets. The director may establish by rule a segregated, nonlapsing Training Assistance Fund which shall be financed by fees levied
13 on employers subject to this chapter. The fees shall
14 be graduated based on the number of material safety
15 data sheets maintained by an employer and shall not
16 be less than ~~§30~~ \$20 nor more than \$300 a year for
17 each employer. Revenues paid into the fund, including
18 interest, shall be used exclusively for carrying
19 out the purposes of this ~~subsection~~ section. Expend-
20 itures from the fund shall be allocated and approved
21 by the Legislature.
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24 The director may not assess fees for materials sub-
25 ject to fees under Title 7, chapter 103.

26 Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are al-
27 located from the Training Assistance Fund to carry
28 out the purposes of this Act.

29 1984-85

30 LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

31 Bureau of Labor Standards

32	Positions	(6 1/2)
33	Personal Services	\$115,577
34	All Other	64,000
35	General Fund Reimbursement	<u>50,000</u>

1	Total	\$229,577
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