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S.P. 649

In Senate, February 1, 1994

**An Act to Provide for a Disaster Relief Fund.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Submitted by the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of York, CIANCHETTE of Somerset, LUDWIG of Aroostook, TITCOMB of Cumberland, Representatives: CARROLL of Gray, CATHCART of Orono, DEXTER of Kingfield, JALBERT of Lisbon, JOSEPH of Waterville, JOY of Island Falls, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WALKER of Blue Hill, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

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Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the  
6 beginning of the next fiscal year; and

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Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the  
operation of the Maine Emergency Management Agency are now due  
10 and payable; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
16 safety; now, therefore,

18 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

20 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §744, sub-§2-A, ¶C is enacted to read:**

22 C. State funding for disaster assistance to state and local  
24 government units for presidentially declared disasters for  
the purpose of repairing or replacing publicly owned  
26 facilities is established as follows.

28 (1) One tenth of a cent per gallon of the "gasoline  
tax" referred to in Title 36, chapter 451 must be  
30 credited to the Disaster Relief Fund of the agency as  
dedicated revenue.

32 (2) The agency is authorized to use the money credited  
to the Disaster Relief Fund as the state match for  
34 public disaster relief grants as limited by the  
provisions of paragraphs A and B.

36 (3) If any money is not expended during the year in  
which the money is collected, the unexpended balance  
38 does not lapse, but must be carried forward to be used  
40 for the purposes specified in this paragraph.

42 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §745 is enacted to read:**

44 **§745. Disaster Relief Fund**

46 The Disaster Relief Fund is established to be used by the  
agency as a nonlapsing fund for carrying out the purposes of  
48 section 744, subsection 2-A, paragraph C.

