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House of Representatives, February 11, 2003

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CHURCHILL of Washburn, CLARK of Millinocket,
DAVIS of Falmouth, DUPREY of Medway, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JACKSON of Fort
Kent, JOY of Crystal.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
4 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

8 **Administration - Executive -**
10 **Governor's Office**

12 Initiative: Provides funds for the creation of the Maine-Canada
12 Trade Ombudsman as established in the Maine Revised Statutes,
14 Title 5, chapter 12-A.

14 General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
16 Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
18 Personal Services	\$28,687	\$28,687
18 All Other	\$6,500	\$6,500
20 General Fund Total	<u>\$35,187</u>	<u>\$35,187</u>

22 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
24 GENERAL FUND	\$35,187	\$35,187
26 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$35,187</u>	<u>\$35,187</u>

SECTION TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
30 GENERAL FUND	\$35,187	\$35,187
32 SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$35,187</u>	<u>\$35,187</u>

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill provides funding for the Office of the
40 Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman, an office created in Public Law
42 2001, chapter 643. The duties of the ombudsman are to act as the
44 Maine representative for relations with Canada to ensure the
46 coordination of state policy when dealing with Canada and to work
with businesses and individuals to investigate and work toward
resolution of complaints that arise concerning trade issues.
Funding was originally provided in chapter 643, but was
deappropriated in Public Law 2001, chapter 714, Part B.