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No. 1894

S.P. 740

In Senate, March 2, 2004

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of
\$2,000,000 for Disaster Relief and To Provide Further Relief
Measures**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and
Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec,
HALL of Lincoln, Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, EARLE of Damariscotta,
PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Provides funds for grants and loans \$2,000,000
for disaster relief through the
Emergency Management Preparedness
and Assistance Trust Fund.

Sec. A-7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 6 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Part.

Sec. A-8. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to General Fund debt service.

Sec. A-9. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Part, are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. A-10. Referendum for ratification; submission at general election; form of question; effective date. This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this Part. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a general election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor a \$2,000,000 bond issue for grants and loans for disaster relief?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay, and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

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Initiative: Appropriates funds to serve as a match for the federal planning assistance for states program for the purpose of developing a flood mitigation program for Androscoggin County, Oxford County and Franklin County.

8	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
10		\$0	\$50,000
12	General Fund Total	\$0	\$50,000

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Initiative: Appropriates funds to be used as immediate assistance to the Town of Canton to help private property owners to mitigate damage from flooding in late 2003 or to relocate because the amount of damage precludes mitigation.

20	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
	All Other	\$0	\$150,000
22		\$0	\$150,000
24	General Fund Total	\$0	\$150,000

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

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		2003-04	2004-05
	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$200,000
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000

SUMMARY

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Part A of this bill authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,000,000 to provide funding for the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund for grants and loans for disaster relief.

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Part B establishes the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund to provide grants and loans to persons or municipalities that suffer loss as a result of disaster.

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Part B of this bill also makes appropriations to the Maine Emergency Management Agency to:

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1. Serve as a match for federal planning assistance to develop a flood mitigation program for Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties; and

2 2. Provide immediate assistance to private property owners
in the Town of Canton who suffered damages from the flooding in
4 late 2003.