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Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of departments and institutions will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1955; and

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

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

Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government. In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government and for other purposes for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, and from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are hereby appropriated out of any monies in the general fund not otherwise appropriated. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the Commissioner of Finance and Adminis-

tration, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of state government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

And be it further provided that the Controller be authorized to close his books as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957. Any bills presented after those dates may be paid from appropriations for the ensuing year on recommendation of the Controller if within the amounts of approved allotments.

Whenever it appears to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration that the anticipated income of the State will not be sufficient to meet the expenditures authorized by the Legislature, he shall so report to the Governor and Council and they may curtail allotments so that expenditures will not exceed the anticipated income.

At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state monies, except those that carry forward as provided by law, shall be lapsed to unappropriated surplus as provided by Section 25 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1954. At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium, all encumbered appropriation balances shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year, but in no event shall encumbered appropriation balances be carried more than once.

There shall be paid from the highway fund the cost of accounting, auditing, purchasing and legal services furnished from the general fund appropriations. This revenue shall be credited to the general fund.

GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND

Sec. 1. Appropriations.

Department	1955-56	1956-57
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
General Purpose Educational Aid	1,411,283	1,411,283
To bring General Purpose Educational Aid to Cities and Towns up to 100% of the existing formula as set forth in Ch. 386, P. L. 1951.		
Vocational Rehabilitation	26,412	52,621
Provides increased grants and services for the rehabilitation of approximately 1,500 physically handicapped citizens of Maine. This represents an increase over the current year of approximately 515 cases.		
Maine Vocational Technical Institute	17,810	37,746
Provides two additional courses of instruction; namely, (1) a course in building trades, (2) a course in heating and air conditioning.		
State Teachers Colleges		
Gorham State Teachers College	22,188	22,888
Provides for 4 additional teaching positions.		

Department	1955-56	1956-57
Farmington State Teachers College	9,733	10,071
Provides for additional administrative personnel.		
Aroostook State Teachers College	2,325	6,150
Provides for 1 additional teaching position in the 1956-57 fiscal year.		
Washington State Teachers College	1,163	1,163
Madawaska Training School	4,575	4,750
Provides for 1 additional teaching position.		
The above recommended appropriations for Teachers Colleges also provide funds for the adoption of a proposed salary schedule which will place Maine Teachers College personnel more nearly in line with other New England Teachers Colleges and to approximate salaries paid in many public schools.		
Total Teachers Colleges	39,984	45,022
Total Department of Education	1,495,489	1,546,672
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	264,978	372,143
Provides for merited salary increases, additional personnel, increases in operating and maintenance costs and for necessary equipment.		
Additional Educational Opportunities	12,000	12,000
Provides for a reciprocal agreement between New England States for educational opportunities in courses of instruction not common to all New England Universities.		
Total Educational Purposes	1,772,467	1,930,815
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE		
Administration	7,500	7,500
Provides for a Deputy Commissioner of Institutional Service.		
Augusta State Hospital	161,291	165,529
Provides for a total of 68 additional employees. This recommendation will provide 62 attendants, 2 psychiatrists, 1 dental hygienist and 3 nurses.		
Pownal State School	213,443	234,449
Provides for 70 additional employees in the first year and 78 additional employees in the second year. This recommendation will provide additional attendants, psychologists, nurses and other professional assistance. It also provides \$36,383 the first year and \$30,973 in the second year for badly needed repairs.		

Department	1955-56	1956-57
Maine State Prison	24,414	24,674
Provides for 7 additional guards and 1 business manager.		
Total Institutional Service	406,648	432,152
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Old Age Assistance	319,000	319,000
Aid to Dependent Children	180,000	180,000
Aid to the Disabled	36,000	36,000
Aid to the Blind	15,000	15,000
It is recommended that the appropriations for the four Assistance categories listed above totaling \$550,000 each year be deducted from the recommended appropriation of \$1,100,000 each year for Aid to Public and Private Hospitals as shown in L. D. No. 42 "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957." This transfer of funds will provide sufficient monies to create a pool out of which payments will be made for hospitalization of State public assistance cases. It will involve no additional appropriations of State funds and will made additional Federal funds available to the Public and Private Hospitals in Maine in the amount of approximately \$125,000 in each year of the biennium.		
Relief to Municipalities for Catastrophic Hospital Bills	25,000	25,000
Provides funds for the payment of hospitalization of city and town charges after this expense has exceeded 2/10 of 1% of the city or town state valuation.		
Water Improvement Commission	27,878	54,074
Provides additional funds to expedite the classification work of our Maine rivers and streams.		
Alcoholic Rehabilitation	8,002	8,210
Provides for travel expense and salary of 1 added position.		
Charitable Institutions		
St. Andre's Home	5,000	5,000
Bangor Family Service Society	4,000	4,000
Provides for two additional service organizations.		
Total Health and Welfare	619,880	646,284

Department	1955-56	1956-57
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	189,455	184,328
Provides primarily for increasing the industrial development of Maine. It includes a Division of Research, a Division of Planning and a Division of Industrial Development. Funds are available in the Division of Planning to match an estimated \$20,000 a year of Federal funds to be used to assist the organization of regional or local city and town Planning Boards.		
MAINE PORT AUTHORITY	61,000	61,000
Provides for promotion, solicitation of business, engineering and port development.		
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT OF	24,418	23,358
Provides for centralized coordination and planning of major capital expenditures and the necessary professional and clerical assistance.		
RESERVE FOR MAJOR CAPITAL OUTLAY ...	2,000,000	2,000,000
To provide funds to assist in financing whatever program may be recommended by the Governor and approved by the Legislature.		
SURVEY OF MAINE STATE GOVERNMENT ..	35,000	—
Provides funds for the re-examination of the organizational structure of Maine State Government and for other special studies for the purpose of effecting economies wherever possible.		
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine Building—Eastern States Exposition	2,500	2,500
Provides for the maintenance of the State of Maine Building at Springfield Eastern States Exposition.		
Inspection, Division of	5,195	5,925
Provides for the salary and travel expense of 1 added Weights and Measures inspector to help supervise and assist the municipal sealers.		
Markets, Division of	10,000	10,000
Provides for the salary and travel expense of 2 added produce inspectors to more adequately check on the quality and grade of potatoes and other fresh vegetables sold in our Maine markets.		
State Soil Conservation	5,000	5,000
Provides for the salary and travel of an Executive Secretary. This will allow the Conservation		

Department	1955-56	1956-57
technicians more time to help farmers plan and apply conservation practices to the land.		
Total Department of Agriculture	22,695	23,425
 SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	30,000	30,000
Provides for the salary and travel of 10 additional coastal wardens to maintain a minimum of warden personnel for present law enforcement.		
Shellfish Management Program	49,981	43,342
Provides for an area-by-area coastwide shellfish management program for the purpose of promoting soft-shell clams, quahogs, mussels and marine worms.		
ATLANTIC SEA RUN SALMON COMMISSION	8,039	7,345
Provides for the salary and travel of 1 added biologist.		
CIVIL DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	13,662	14,922
Provides for the travel and salary of 2 additional employees.		
BUREAU OF PURCHASES	6,056	6,264
Provides for the travel and salary of an inspector who will visit State departments and institutions to conduct inspections and tests of merchandise received to see that it meets specifications and to help insure the full value for our purchasing dollar.		
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE	5,000	5,000
Provides 1 additional employee to assist the Director in carrying out the duties prescribed by law.		
HARNESS HORSE RACING COMMISSION	2,080	2,080
Provides 2 added paddock men to more adequately test race horses for drugs and harness equipment.		
MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	50,000	50,000
To provide increased activity in recreation, agriculture and sea and shore fisheries.		
LIBRARY, STATE OF MAINE		
Departmental Operations	4,352	4,352
Provides funds to bind old court reports of all the states which are not in the reporter system.		
Bookmobile Service	14,560	24,625
Provides for 2 new bookmobiles, travel expense and for new books.		

Department	1955-56	1956-57
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY	50,000	50,000
Provides additional operating funds.		
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Aerial Photography	14,000	—
Provides funds to expedite the taking of an inventory of our Maine forests in conjunction with the Federal Government.		
Entomology	2,500	2,500
Provides additional funds for the spraying of trees to combat spruce budworm and other insects infesting our Maine forests.		
Sec. 2. Deductions.		
There is hereby appropriated to be deducted from the appropriation already provided by L. D. No. 42 "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957" for the departments listed below:		
AID TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS	(550,000)	(550,000)
To provide funds to create a Hospital pool for State assistance cases.		
MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	(66,015)	(65,730)
To reduce the appropriation recommendation in order that the activity of Industry and Geology may be included in a separate Department of Industry and Commerce.		
Total Deductions	<u>(616,015)</u>	<u>(615,730)</u>
Total All Appropriations	<u>4,765,778</u>	<u>4,926,062</u>

Amounting to \$4,765,778 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and \$4,926,062 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect July 1, 1955.