

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**PRIVATE AND
SPECIAL LAWS**
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$347,957 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, \$630,448 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$630,448 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, to implement the employee compensation plan agreed to by the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the bargaining unit of the instructors at the vocational-technical institutes and the School of Practical Nursing.

Sec. 2. Funding. The funding provided by this Act shall include retirement costs and shall be available for all employees covered by the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association, except that employees supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund shall be adjusted whenever possible from those sources.

Sec. 3. Special account. The account funding provided shall be segregated in a special account to be made available as needed upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor.

Sec. 4. Intent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and rules, it is the intent of the Legislature that the provisions of the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the instructors at the vocational-technical institutes and the School of Practical Nursing shall prevail during the term of the agreement.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 13, 1979

CHAPTER 14

S. P. 494 — L. D. 1545

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

Whereas, there exists a current serious problem of overcrowding at the state correctional facilities, the Maine State Prison in Thomaston and the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham; and

Whereas, these conditions of overcrowding have already resulted in a lawsuit by inmates of the Maine State Prison against the State; and

Whereas, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections has prepared plans

to alleviate some of the existing conditions, calling for the development of additional minimum-security work release capability in various sections of the State; 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:

Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1978-79

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF

Correctional Improvements Program

Unallocated \$355,000

These funds shall not lapse on June 30, 1979,
but shall be carried over through June 30, 1980

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 26, 1979

CHAPTER 15

S. P. 139 — L. D. 321

AN ACT Providing for Archaeological Investigation of the "Viking Coin" Historical Site.

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

Whereas, there has been discovered at a Maine Indian archaeological site an artifact of international importance, a Viking era coin dated to the period of 1060 to 1080; and