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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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This exemption expires on July 1, ~~1981~~ 1983.

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

Effective April 17, 1981

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## CHAPTER 173

H. P. 789 — L. D. 943

### AN ACT Concerning Foreign Trade Zones.

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

Whereas, Public Law 1979, chapter 547 granted state assistance for areas eligible to establish foreign trade zones; and

Whereas, these funds are scheduled to lapse at the end of the 1980-81 fiscal year; and

Whereas, these funds must be continued and the minimum amount of grants allowable must be increased in order to provide for use of these funds after June 30, 1981; and

Whereas, in order to avoid lapsing of these funds this Act must take effect prior to July 1, 1981; 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:**

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA § 7002, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, sub-¶ (1), as enacted by PL 1979, c. 547, § 2, is amended to read:

(1) No municipality or group of municipalities shall be granted amounts totaling more than ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 under this chapter; and

**Sec. 2.** 5 MRSA § 7002, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, sub-¶ (2), last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 547, § 2, is amended to read:

“Market development” ~~shall mean~~ means any activity to encourage use of the trade zone, or of its sections or subzones where they may be located in Maine communities away from the main zone.

Sec. 3. PL 1979, c. 547, § 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** The following funds ~~shall be~~ are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1979-80

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

State Development Office

Foreign Trade Zone Market Development Grants

All Other

\$30,000

Any funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 1979-80 shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to fiscal year 1980-81 and shall be available for obligation during fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81, after which any unobligated balances shall lapse.

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

Effective April 17, 1981

CHAPTER 174

H. P. 844 — L. D. 1010

**AN ACT to Authorize Joint Custody Orders as Part of Divorce Judgments.**

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 214, first sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 19, § 6, is further amended to read:

If the father and mother of a minor child are living apart from each other, the judge of probate or the Superior Court Justice or the District Court in the county where either resides, on complaint of either and after such notice to the other as he may order, may decree which parent shall have the exclusive care and custody of the person of such minor ~~or he~~, may apportion the care and custody of the said minor between the parents **or may decree that the parents shall have joint custody of the minor**, as the good of the child may require.