

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 5 FY 90/91  
DATE September 11, 1990

STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION ORDER OF 1990

WHEREAS, the economy of Maine and the Northeast continues to perform below the growth levels of previous years; and

WHEREAS, recent events in the Middle East have caused an increase in the wholesale price per barrel for crude oil, resulting in significant increases in the cost of gasoline, heating fuel, and air fare rates; and

WHEREAS, federal officials recently predicted a possible shortage of crude oil in the United States by the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine should encourage citizens to participate in measures that further reduce our dependency on oil-based fuels; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for state government to take all necessary steps to economize in areas of discretionary spending for the balance of the 1991 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order that the following conservation measures be taken to reduce energy-related expenses within state government and to ensure that sufficient energy resources are available for Maine's low-income residents.

State Facilities Conservation Measures

The Bureau of Public Improvements is directed to extend and expand current state energy conservation measures for state facilities to include, but not be limited to, the following target objectives and activities:

1. a reduction in the average building temperature sufficient to achieve at least a 5 percent reduction in the amount of fuel utilized by the state for heating purposes;
2. a reduction in other energy use sufficient to achieve at least an 8 percent reduction in the amount of electricity used in state facilities; and
3. sponsor energy conservation seminars for state employees, in cooperation with the Bureau of Human Resources and the Energy Division of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements shall develop these and any additional energy conservation measures that will further the objectives of this Order in consultation with the Office of the Governor, and shall notify state agencies of any steps required to implement such measures.

The Department of Administration, through the Bureau of Public Improvements, shall develop a structure and program to assist agencies in meeting the energy conservation objectives set forth herein.

#### Use of Carpools and Vanpools

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation is directed to promote further the use of carpools and vanpools in the daily commute of state employees. The Department of Transportation currently operates eleven routes to and from Augusta that save an estimated 97,000 gallons of gasoline each year.

The Commissioner is also directed to encourage non-state vanpools, carpools, and other multi-rider forms of transportation throughout the state that promote energy efficiency.

#### In-State Travel

All agency heads shall review in-state travel requests for the purpose of further reducing non-essential in-state travel. Required in-state travel should be coordinated to the extent possible to take advantage of carpooling and other energy-efficient modes of transportation.

#### Out-Of-State Travel

All General Fund out-of-state travel is hereby terminated with the following exemptions:

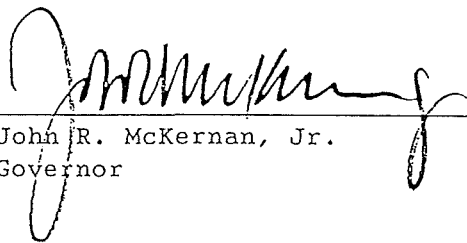
1. travel directly related to the care of residents, wards, foster children, and other individuals under state care or protection;
2. travel required in the execution of law enforcement investigations, interstate contracts directly related to the extradition of an individual, or the transfer of an individual to or from a correctional facility;
3. travel directly involved in securing revenue; or
4. travel specifically approved by the Governor upon the request and justification of an agency head. Other contingency measures for emergency out-of-state travel may be established between the Governor and the Department of Finance.

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The Department of Finance is hereby directed to reject any payment submission for out-of-state travel that does not fall under categories 1, 2, and 3 above. In the case of number 4 above, the appropriate "Request for Out-of-State Travel" form must be approved by the Governor or his designee before payment can be authorized.

In anticipation of rapidly rising fuel prices, any savings resulting from reductions in out-of-state travel will be held in allotment reserves by the State Budget Officer and transferred to state fuel purchasing accounts pending legislative approval, as required.

This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect through June 30, 1991, unless specifically amended, terminated, or extended by Executive Order.



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John R. McKernan, Jr.  
Governor