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H. P. 565

House of Representatives, January 25, 1961

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Compensation for State Employees.**

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**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 the State Government will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1961; 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. Appropriation for compensation plan.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$1,200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962, and the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, to effectuate as of the first pay period ending after July 1, 1961 the Compensation Plan for Classified Positions, dated October 1960, as approved by the State Personnel Board and to provide funds for unclassified positions. Any balance at June 30, 1962 shall not lapse but shall carry forward into the 1962-63 fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

**Sec. 2. Unclassified employees subject to Governor and Council determination.** With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are subject to Governor and Council determination, the Governor and Council are requested to consider such similar and equitable treatment as they may conclude is appropriate.

**Sec. 3. Unclassified employees not subject to Governor and Council determination.** With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are not subject to determination by the Governor and Council, the authority responsible for determining the wage rate of such employees are requested to consider such similar and equitable treatment as they may conclude is appropriate.

**Sec. 4. Utilization by other funds.** Wages of employees in departments supported by the highway fund, special revenue funds or other funds shall not be adjusted from moneys provided for the general fund pay plan, but may be adjusted from funds available to the department from other sources.

**Sec. 5. Intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature to adjust the compensation of the state salary schedule to reflect competitive wages as indicated in the State Personnel Board's Compensation Plan for Classified Positions, dated October 1960.

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