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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Humphrey of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for State of Maine's Participation in the New
York World's Fair, 1964-1965.**

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

Whereas, the recreational advantages, arts, industries, institutions, resources, production and development of the State of Maine should be set forth and promoted in the public mind at the New York World's Fair, 1964-1965; and

Whereas, because of the time involved in the construction necessary for such promotion the following legislation is vitally needed to commence as soon as possible; 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. Contract. The Governor is authorized and empowered to negotiate and enter into a contract, on behalf of the State of Maine, with The New England Council World's Fair Corporation, a non-profit corporation organized and existing under chapter 180 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of providing the participation of the State of Maine, in conjunction with other New England States, in the New York World's Fair,

1964-1965. Such contract may, in addition to such other provisions as shall seem appropriate to the Governor, provide for the state's share of the construction of a State of Maine Pavilion and of exhibits to be included therein; the construction of New England States exhibition pavilions, exhibits, grounds and facilities, such facilities to include but not to be limited to a restaurant and country store establishment; the operation, management, and maintenance of the State of Maine Pavilion, provided that the personnel staffing and promotion of the State of Maine exhibits shall be the responsibility of the State and not a part of the said contract; the operation and management of the New England States exhibition pavilions, grounds and facilities and the personnel staffing and maintenance of exhibits to be included therein; the promotion and publicity of the New England States Exhibition; and the general business administration, supervision, accounting and insurance of the entire exhibition and all pavilions. The laws relating to the construction, supervision, operation and control of state buildings and to the purchase of state supplies shall not apply to buildings, exhibitions, exhibits or facilities provided for under such contract. Such contract shall allow the State Auditor to examine and audit the books and records of The New England Council World's Fair Corporation. Such contract shall provide that any excess funds or profits held by The New England Council World's Fair Corporation after the payment of all obligations of said corporation upon the termination of the New York World's Fair, 1964-1965, shall be returned to the states with whom the said corporation has contracted in accordance with the formula set forth in each said contract under which such state paid its share in conjunction with other New England States.

Sec. 2. Appropriation to Executive Department. For the purpose of carrying out this act, the sum of \$459,000 is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Executive Department. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Governor may, upon signing the contract authorized by section 1, draw his warrant for the state's share due under such contract and cause such sum to be paid over to The New England Council World's Fair Corporation under the terms of such contract. Nothing in this act and nothing in any contract executed pursuant hereto shall be deemed to pledge the credit of the State nor to incur any liability for the State in excess of the sum appropriated herein.

Sec. 3. Appropriation to Department of Economic Development. For the purpose of promoting and exhibiting at the New York World's Fair, 1964-1965, the arts, industries, institutions, resources, products, recreational advantages and general development of the State of Maine the sum of \$46,000 is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Department of Economic Development. Said sum shall be expended for the personnel staffing of exhibits at the State of Maine Pavilion and for special publicity, promotion, clerical and travel expenses within and without the State in connection therewith.

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