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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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No. 559

H. P. 406

House of Representatives, January 24, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Albair of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for the Preparation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan for Aroostook County.

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

Appropriation for comprehensive economic development plan for Aroostook County. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$20,000 to be expended by joint agreement of the Department of Economic Development and the Aroostook County Area Development Committee to match federal grants to provide for the preparation of a comprehensive economic development plan for Aroostook County. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1965.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Aroostook County has been designated a redevelopment area under federal public law 8727 and as such is eligible for long term, low interest industrial and commercial loans, grants for technical research, loans and grants for community facilities, special job retraining grants.

The eligibility of the county for continued assistance under the area redevelopment program is predicated upon development of a comprehensive economic development plan and program and continued demonstration of organized effort toward such a plan by representative groups in the county.

It is estimated that a thorough analysis of the county, its people, its resources, its potentials and needs both in an economic sense as well as in physical improvements will cost a minimum of \$600,000, 2/3 of which is eligible for federal grant under section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended.