

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

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In Senate, January 29, 1963

Taken from table on motion by President and on further motion by Senator Lovell of York, referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT to Provide Funds to Establish an Experimental Program of Handcraft Development as a Source of Supplementary Income to the People of Maine.**

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

**Handcraft development; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Un-appropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$40,000 for the biennium, for the purpose of organizing a hand crafts development program in one or more areas in the State on an experimental basis. The funds shall be expended through the Department of Economic Development on the recommendation of the Hand Crafts Development Advisory Committee.

The department is authorized to employ such consultants or technical personnel as may be necessary and is authorized to accept federal gifts or grants to carry out the purposes of this act.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

There is need for programs which offer a source of part-time employment and supplementary income to many people in Maine, especially in areas which have seasonal peaks in unemployment and an organized program of handcrafts offers an opportunity for such a source of part-time employment and supplementary income. There is a large untapped source of handcraft skills in Maine which is not being utilized and states like New Hampshire, North Carolina, Kentucky and the Province of New Brunswick have demonstrated incomes from handcraft sales ranging from \$600,000 to over \$2,000,000 a year.