

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 805

H. P. 566

House of Representatives, January 30, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gilbert of Eddington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money for New Position in Department of Economic Development to Specialize on In-state Industrial Development.

Appropriation for specialist on in-state industrial development. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$10,047 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and the sum of \$10,047 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 to establish a new position within the Industrial Division of the Department of Economic Development to specialize on in-state industrial development, and filled by an Industrial Representative; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

| | 1963-64 | 1964-65 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | | |
| Industrial Division | | |
| Personal Services | (1) \$ 6,847 | (1) \$ 6,847 |
| All Other | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| Capital Expenditures | — | — |
| | <hr/> \$10,047 | <hr/> \$10,047 |

STATEMENT OF FACTS

It is proposed that a new position be established to be filled by an industrial representative and that \$6,847 be appropriated annually for the addition of this

position to specialize on in-state industrial development. Total personal services, \$13,243; a travel allowance of \$3,200 per year for a two-year total of \$6,500.

Three of the responsibilities charged to the Industrial Division when the Legislation was passed creating the Department of Economic Development were to solicit new industry for the state, aid and assist existing industry and to aid and assist communities in their industrial efforts.

In many cases it takes months to work with leads and prospects who believe Maine may be the state which they will select for expansion or new plant location. Never, in the history of the department, have so many calls for service been made on this division. These inquiries originate from manufacturers who are interested in Maine and others thinking of forming a new Maine corporation. Maine cities and towns now having developmental groups or committees total 75 and requests from them are numerous. It has been estimated that 25 to 30 more communities will form such committees in the next two years and our aid in forming such organizations will be solicited.

Inasmuch as the existing staff is now depleted because of specialized activity ordered by the 100th Legislature in the fields of financial and government procurement activity, it is getting to be impossible to handle the increasing work load without the addition of at least one staff member.

This new industrial representative, if such funds are appropriated, would work especially with existing Maine manufacturers and municipal developmental organizations.