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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 1615

S. P. 617

In Senate, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Duquette of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Capital Construction and Equipment at the Augusta State Hospital, Maine State Prison and Stevens Training Center and Reallocating Funds Appropriated to the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, necessary equipment at the Augusta State Hospital, Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf and the Maine State Prison is either inadequate, obsolete, exhausted or nonexistent, resulting variously in failure to provide necessary services; jeopardy to the safety and health of personnel; and serious security hazards; and

Whereas, capital construction at the Stevens Training Center authorized by the Legislature is impossible to complete as planned, due to necessary relocation of site and design changes, resulting in the frustration of the full and beneficial use of an authorized and needed facility; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary for the protection of institutional personnel and the public, and in order to make possible the provision of necessary services; 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. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections the sum of \$163,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966. The breakdown shall be as follows:

Department	1965-66
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF	
Augusta State Hospital	
Replacement of X-ray equipment	\$ 38,000
Maine State Prison	
Installation of emergency lighting equipment and construction of buildings to house emergency lighting equipment	80,000
Purchase of essential emergency security equipment	5,000
Stevens Training Center	
To complete construction of gymnasium authorized under P. & S. L., 1965, c. 161, Section B	40,000
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Total Mental Health and Corrections, Department of	\$163,000

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1965, c. 161, Section A, amended. That part of Section A of chapter 161 of the private and special laws of 1965, which relates to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf, is amended to read as follows:

‘Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf	
6—Group Hearing Aids	9,000
Tractor, snow blower, Laundry machines, vacuum cleaners, floor polishers, printing equipment, auditory equipment	9,585’

Sec. 3. Unencumbered balances. Any unencumbered balances remaining in section 1 at June 30, 1966 shall lapse, except that any unencumbered balances in the appropriation to the Stevens Training Center for the gymnasium construction completion and in the appropriation to the Maine State Prison for emergency lighting equipment and building to house emergency lighting equipment remaining at June 30, 1966 shall not lapse but shall carry forward into the 1966-67 fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes. Any unencumbered balances in the appropriation to the Stevens Training Center for gymnasium construction completion and in the appropriation to the Maine State Prison for emergency lighting equipment and building to house emergency lighting equipment at June 30, 1967, shall lapse, unless sufficient evidence in the form of encumbrances is filed with the State Controller prior to June 30, 1967, showing that the project is in process, in which case all moneys appropriated to the project shall carry forward to be expended for the same purpose until such project is completed, unless otherwise directed by the Legislature.

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