

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**No. 227**

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H. P. 203

In House of Representatives, January 21, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Overtime Payments to Employees of Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital, Pineland Hospital and Training Center and Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf.**

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

Whereas, under the 1966 amendments to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act certain employees of Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital, Pineland Hospital and Training Center and Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf, became entitled to overtime payments at time and one-half, effective February 1, 1967 ; and

Whereas, such employees have earned such overtime from that date ; and

Whereas, funds have been insufficient to permit the payment of such earned overtime ; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that funds be appropriated in order to pay such employees all accrued overtime pursuant to the 1966 amendments to the Wage and Hour Provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and to pay overtime pursuant to such Act through June 30, 1969 ; 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:

**Appropriation to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 the sum of \$525,000 to carry out the responsibility of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections under the 1966 amendments to the Wage and Hour Provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act to pay overtime wages at time and one-half to certain employees of the Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital, Pineland Hospital and Training Center and Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf. The State Budget Officer is authorized, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, to allocate sums as needed for the purposes of this Act to the Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital, Pineland Hospital and Training Center and Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS	
Personal Services	\$525,000

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