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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 258

H. P. 208

House of Representatives, January 22, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board and
Providing Funds to Activate the Awards Program.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, there are not sufficient funds or available personnel to carry out the intent of the Legislature and activate a suggestion awards program; and

Whereas, there is serious question about the use of departmental operating funds in making awards; and

Whereas, the State of Maine would benefit from this legislation and there is a demonstrated desire that this program be set in motion as soon as possible; 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. R. S., T. 5, § 641, amended. The 2nd and 4th paragraphs of section 641 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 445 of the public laws of 1967, are repealed as follows:

~~The Director of Personnel shall furnish necessary technical and clerical services for said board.~~

~~Cash awards shall not exceed 30% of the first annual saving to the State of \$5,000, whichever is less, and shall be paid from the funds or appropriations~~

~~available to the activity primarily benefiting or the various activities benefiting.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 641, amended. Section 641 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 445 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read as follows:

Individual cash awards shall not exceed \$500. The board shall employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such technical and clerical staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$2,500 to the State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board to enable the board to carry out the purposes of Title 5, chapter 56, as amended. The breakdown shall be as follows:

STATE EMPLOYEES' SUGGESTION AWARDS BOARD	1968-69
All Other	\$2,500

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