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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1714

H. P. 1365 House of Representatives, January 6, 1970
The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.
BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Combat the Drug Abuse.

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

Whereas, the misuse of dangerous drugs has been increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas, a statewide program involving both public and private agencies in an organized and coordinated way is needed; and

Whereas, the State Drug Abuse Council, Inc. is the single organization representing public and private interests concerned with the multiple problems of drug abuse; and

Whereas, the State Drug Abuse Council is prepared to begin immediately a statewide drug abuse program which is vitally necessary in the interest of the people of Maine; 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:

State Drug Abuse Council; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$35,000 to the State Drug Abuse Council to promote

a program to combat the abuse of dangerous drugs especially by young people within the State of Maine. The State Drug Abuse Council shall provide to governmental agencies and non-profit corporation, grants from this sum to develop and carry out programs for the purpose of combating dangerous drug abuse, such programs to be endorsed by the State Drug Abuse Council which is made up of representatives of concerned state agencies and representatives of the medical and osteopathic associations.

Programs authorized for funding from the appropriated sum of \$35,000 shall include development and education of local drug abuse councils, the purchase of films, training materials, and literature for the use of these councils and for others in combating drug abuse, for the training of physicians in the care of those experiencing toxic reactions to dangerous drugs, for the education of teachers of health in improved methods of dangerous drug education, the reprinting of a Department of Education booklet on curriculum development and information on dangerous drugs, and for the establishment of a state-wide answering service as an information and referral resource for individuals with problems relating to dangerous drugs.

Any funds obtained from other sources for the funding of all or any portion of the program as described above shall obligate the State Drug Abuse Council to return to the General Fund of the State, funds in the amount of the grant from other sources.

This appropriation shall not expire at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, but shall extend to June 30, 1971.

This appropriation shall be administered by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections in behalf of the State Drug Abuse Council.

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