

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 604**

H. P. 449

House of Representatives, February 4, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Provide Funds for the Construction and Equipping of a Maine  
Information Center at Kittery.**

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

Whereas, the present building at Kittery will be demolished Labor Day of this year; and

Whereas, if funds are held until 90 days after adjournment, starting construction this year would be doubtful; and

Whereas, vacation-travel is a key element of the economy of the State of Maine, and an information center at the gateway to the State is vital to the promotion of this industry; and

Whereas, starting construction this year is imperative to minimize the interruption of service, as the State of Maine will be without an information center for 6 months even with approval of this Act and for a period of at least a year without the emergency clause, and with the probability of incurring higher construction costs with a delay; 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.** For necessary expenditures of State Government to construct and equip a tourist information center at Kittery, the following sum

is appropriated out of any moneys in the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund not otherwise appropriated or provided by law. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditure of this appropriation.

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$350,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

All Other	\$350,000
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Any balance at June 30, 1971, of this Act shall carry forward until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be accomplished.

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

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.