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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:

**Sec. 1. Information Center Building Committee.** There is created a committee composed of 6 persons to be known as the Kittery Information Center Building Committee. The members shall be as follows: A representative of the Highway Commission, a representative of York County to be named by the county's legislative delegation, a representative from the Maine Publicity Bureau, one member of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to be appointed by the chairman of the committee, the Director of Vacation Travel of the Department of Economic Development, and a representative of the Maine Hotel-Motel Association.

The representative of the Highway Commission shall be chairman pro tem to call an organizational meeting. The committee shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it wants.

Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The committee shall:

1. Hire an architect to design, prepare plans and specifications and supervise construction of a tourist information center at Kittery.
2. The building shall be designed to be compatible with the Highway Commission rest facilities to be erected in the area.
3. Contract for the construction and equipping of such tourist information center.

**Sec. 3. Term and compensation.** The committee shall continue in existence for one year after the information center is completed and accepted by the committee. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses at the same rates as provided for state employees.

**Sec. 4. Termination.** When the information center is completed it shall be turned over to the Property Management Division of the Bureau of Public Improvements for maintenance. Any funds in the Department of Economic Development budget for operation and maintenance of the present building shall be used for the same purpose with the new building.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Kittery Information Center Building Committee from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$175,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any balance at June 30, 1971 shall not lapse but 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.