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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1871

S. P. 690

In Senate, January 24, 1972

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**AN ACT Providing Funds to Carry Out Duties of the Criminal Division of
the Department of the Attorney General.**

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

Whereas, the State of Maine has an obligation to provide a speedy trial to those accused of crime; and

Whereas, the volume of serious criminal cases coming under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General has increased beyond budgeted ability to handle them; and

Whereas, the responsibility of the Attorney General cannot be delegated to any other agency; 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:

Department of the Attorney General, Criminal Division; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of the Attorney General the sum of \$70,971.10 to carry out the duties and functions of the Criminal Division of the Department of the Attorney General. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Criminal Division		
Personal Services	(5) \$15,795.38	(5) \$48,721.60
All Other	980.62	3,000.00
Capital Expenditures	2,473.50	—
	<hr/> \$19,249.50	<hr/> \$51,721.60

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 to provide the addition of 3 trial attorneys and 2 secretaries to the Criminal Division in order to properly handle the increased case load of murder prosecutions and investigations which are the primary responsibility of the division and to provide additional coordinated assistance to the various county attorneys.