

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 105

S. P. 51

In Senate, January 10, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the Maine Commission on 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 said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Maine Commission on Drug Abuse is presently involved in a state-wide drug abuse program which has been extremely effective and which is vitally necessary in the interest of the people of Maine; and

Whereas, alternative funding which would enable the commission to discharge its statutory responsibilities for the balance of this fiscal year is not available; 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:

Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government. In order to provide for the continuation of the drug abuse program as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 317 for the period ending June 30, 1973, the following sums, or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropri-

ated 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 expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of State Government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Commission on Drug Abuse	
Personal Services	\$19,258.80
All Other	5,741.20
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Total	\$25,000.00

Provides funds to continue the activities of the commission for the balance of the year. Any funds received from other sources for the funding of all or any portion of this program, up to the amount appropriated, shall be returned to the General Fund.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Commission on Drug Abuse is legislatively mandated and was established to confront the problem of drug abuse in Maine through the wisest possible use of governmental and private resources, assist state agencies in dealing with drug abuse problems and provide support and guidance to local governments and private agencies engaged in drug abuse preventional efforts. Initial program administrative funds were derived through a developmental grant from the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and funds provided from the Contingent Account. Commission program administrative funds are now exhausted. It is essential that vital program operations be continued. Additionally, federal formula grant funds expected to be disbursed require the maintenance of state program administrative efforts.