

### (EMERGENCY)

## ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Document

# No. 391

S. P. 157 Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Huber of Knox.

## STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Authorized Equipment Purchases for Maine State Prison.

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

Whereas, moneys appropriated by the 105th Legislature, Private and Special Laws of 1971, chapter 105, for the purchase of a bulldozer at the Maine State Prison are not needed for that purpose since the closing of the prison farm has enabled the use of the farm bulldozer for general prison purposes; and

Whereas, 3 pieces of equipment presently used at the Maine State Prison in connection with snow removal and other heavy work require an inordinate amount of maintenance leading to an inordinate expenditure therefor; and

Whereas, the purchase of a diesel backhoe with front-end loader would enable replacement of these 3 vehicles and better performance of the same work now done by such vehicles at substantially less maintenance cost; and

Whereas, such diesel backhoe with front-end loader could be purchased with the funds no longer needed for the purchase of the bulldozer for which funds were appropriated by the 105th Legislature; and

Whereas, all of the above could be accomplished without the need for appropriation of any additional funds; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that in order to permit the expeditious and necessary handling of snow removal and other heavy work at the Maine State Prison that the Maine State Prison be authorized to purchase a diesel backhoe with front-end loader with moneys heretofore appropriated; 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:

**P. & S. L. 1971, c. 105, Section A, amended.** That part of Section A of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1971 under the caption MEN-TAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, which relates to Maine State Prison, is amended to read as follows:

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this Act is set forth in the emergency preamble.

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