

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1413

S. P. 446

In Senate, March 14, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing Funds for Director of the State Crime Laboratory.

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

Whereas, the need for a State Crime Laboratory to assist state and local police in the investigation of crime and in the improvement of Police Science is apparent; and

Whereas, a federal grant from LEAA has been secured to cover the first 18-months' salary expense of the position of Director, State Crime Laboratory; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be enacted to implement this grant as soon as is possible; 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. Permanent position. There is created the position of Director, State Crime Laboratory, in the Department of Public Safety at an annual salary of up to \$25,000 and the Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to receive and disburse federal grants for that purpose.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal

year ending June 30, 1975 the sum of \$18,750 to be allocated to the salary of the Director, State Crime Laboratory, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Public Safety has received a federal grant from LEAA (Safe Streets Act), to fund for 18 months from April 1, 1973 to September 30, 1974 the position of Director, State Crime Laboratory. This Act would authorize the position, authorize reception of this grant and appropriate money (\$18,750) to fund the position until the end of the 1974-75 fiscal year.