

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Establishing the Maine Training Fund.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, c. 13, sub-c. IX, additional. Chapter 13 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subchapter IX to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER IX

TRAINING FUND

§ 1275. Maine Training Fund

The Maine Training Fund is created for the purpose of providing funds for training for employment in Maine not otherwise eligible for funding under any other state or federal program and shall be administered by the commission as provided for by this chapter. Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the purposes of wage subsidies during the period of training in a program approved by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, the Commissioner of Commerce and Industry and the Commissioner of Manpower Affairs, who shall constitute the commission for the purposes of this subchapter.

1. Subsidies. Moneys shall be requisitioned from the state's account in the Maine Training Fund in accordance with regulations established by the commission. In addition, approval by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, the Commissioner of Commerce and Industry and the Commissioner of Manpower Affairs shall certify that the employment posi-

tions to be eligible for wage subsidies are positions in new or expanding industries and are with firms that present a reasonable potential to enhance economic conditions in the area of Maine where located. The Commissioner of Commerce and Industry shall further certify that the employer will contribute up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the cost of wage subsidies of employees under this program and that such training program as approved by the Bureau of Vocational Training shall not exceed 26 weeks.

2. **Payment.** No expenditures of this fund shall be made unless and until the commission, by resolution duly entered in its minutes, finds that no other funds are available or can properly be used to finance such expenditures. The commission shall order the transfer of such funds or the payment of any such obligation and such funds shall be paid by the Treasurer of State on requisitions drawn by the commission directing the State Controller to issue his warrant therefor. Any such warrant shall be drawn by the State Controller based upon bills of particulars and vouchers certified by an officer or employee designated by the commission. Such certification shall, among other things, include a duly certified copy of the resolution of the commission.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Training Fund Commission the sum of \$250,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
MAINE TRAINING FUND COMMISSION		
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Training Fund is to provide up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a person's wage while being trained for employment in industries which are ineligible for existing state or federal training funds.