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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Increasing State, Maine Maritime Academy and Classified  
University of Maine Employees' Pay.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide a cost-of-living salary increase for State, Maine Maritime Academy and classified University of Maine employees; 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. Salary increases.** An amount of \$8 or 5%, whichever is greater, shall be added to the weekly dollar amount of each step of the current State Salary Plan up to 5% of range 30, step A. All other steps shall be increased 5% of range 30, step A, and new hourly rates shall be computed to reflect these increases, based on a 40-hour week. Similar adjustments shall be added on the same basis in the second year of the biennium. Weekly amounts shall be rounded to the nearest 10 cents.

**Sec. 2. Unclassified employees subject to Governor and Council determination.** With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are subject to Governor and Council determination, the Governor and Council shall grant similar and equitable treatment to individuals currently holding such position.

**Sec. 3. Unclassified employees not subject to Governor and Council determination.** With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are not subject to determination by the Governor and Council, the authorities responsible for determining the wage rates of such employees shall grant similar and equitable treatment.

**Sec. 4. Utilization by other funds.** Wages of employees in departments supported by the Highway Fund, Special Revenue Funds or other funds shall not be adjusted from moneys provided for the General Fund Salary Plan Fund, but shall be adjusted from funds available to the department from their own sources.

**Sec. 5. University of Maine and Maine Maritime Academy.** Wages of the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy shall be adjusted in the same manner as state employees. Funds appropriated shall be paid to the University of Maine for classified employees and the Maine Maritime Academy on a quarterly basis according to a plan approved by the State Budget Officer and on the basis of detailed justification furnished to the State Controller.

**Sec. 6. Effective date.** The first adjustment of the salary plan shall be effective with the first pay period in July, 1973, and the second adjustment with the first pay period in July, 1974.

**Sec. 7. Appropriations.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$2,501,277 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 and the sum of \$5,001,554 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
<b>SALARY PLAN FUND</b>		
State Employees Fund		
Personal Services	\$1,810,553	\$3,621,106
University of Maine—Classified Employees		
All Other	634,000	1,267,000
Maine Maritime Academy		
All Other	56,724	113,448
	<hr/> \$2,501,277	<hr/> \$5,001,554

Any balance remaining in this fund shall carry forward until June 30, 1975 to be used for the same purposes.

**Sec. 8. P. & S. L., 1971, c. 117, Section A, amended.** That part of section A of chapter 117 of the private and special laws of 1971 under the caption

"State Employees' Salaries" is amended by inserting after the last paragraph the following new paragraph:

**Any unexpended balance at June 30, 1973 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1975 to be expended for the same purposes.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to put into effect a cost of living salary adjustment for State, Maine Maritime Academy and Classified University of Maine Employees.