

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 520

H. P. 444 House of Representatives, February 4, 1975
On motion of Senator Conley of Cumberland.
Passed to be engrossed without Reference to Committee.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Authorize the Cumberland County Commissioners
to Borrow in Anticipation of Taxes.**

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

Whereas, the county government of Cumberland County will shortly run out of moneys to meet the county payroll and to maintain essential county services for Cumberland County; and

Whereas, a legal question has been raised as to whether the commissioners of Cumberland County may borrow in anticipation of taxes to meet the obligations of Cumberland County prior to legislative authorization of the county tax; 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:

Loan authorized. The county commissioners of Cumberland County may, without obtaining the consent of Cumberland County, raise by temporary loans made prior to July 1, 1975 an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is explained in the emergency preamble and is to authorize county commissioners of Cumberland County to borrow in anticipation of taxes. The proceeds of the loan will be spent in such a manner that no budget item will receive a greater proportion of the proceeds than the proportion of the total county budget spent on that item for the year 1974.