

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1420

S. P. 435

In Senate, April 3, 1975

Taken from Table by President and on Motion by Senator Katz of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Construction for the University of Maine
Funded by Nonstate Moneys.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2257 is enacted to read:

§ 2257. Funding of capital construction

The construction of any building of an actual or projected worth of \$50,000 or more intended for the use or occupancy of the University of Maine, its agents, its employees or its students if funded with moneys derived from some source other than the State shall not be funded with any moneys of the State unless, before construction has been undertaken, the Legislature has approved an expenditure of state funds for that construction.

Sec. 2. **Applicability.** This Act shall not apply to any building intended for the use or occupancy of the University of Maine, its agents, its employees or its students which, on the effective date of this Act, is under construction or has been constructed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will protect the Legislature against unexpected future capital expenditures caused by the university undertaking building with private funds and then relying upon the Legislature to appropriate funds to complete the construction. The university, of course, has a complete right to accept philanthropic dollars for the expansion of its capital plant but should seek prior legislative approval for any expansion which will be funded with state moneys.