

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 194

H. P. 156

House of Representatives, February 1, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Funds for Additional Police Communications Operators within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

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

Whereas, a serious understaffing of police communications operators exists within the Bureau of State Police; and

Whereas, a regional communication service must be provided to other law enforcement agencies within the State to effectively coordinate the activities related to the preservation of public peace, health and safety; 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, the sum of \$69,852 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, and the sum of \$72,678 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979; and there is allocated the sum of \$209,557 from the General Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, and the sum of \$218,034 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, for the purposes of carrying out this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of State Police		
Personal Services	(30) \$269,269	(30) \$280,572
All Other	10,140	10,140
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	\$279,409	\$290,712

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 to provide funds for additional police communications operators within the Bureau of State Police.