

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 690

H. P. 565

House of Representatives, March 2, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to appropriate Funds to Enable the City of Eastport to Cope with
Gale Damage.**

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

Whereas, the so-called "Ground Hog Gale" of February 2, 1976, devastated the waterfront area of the City of Eastport with the highest tides ever recorded and with winds of 90 to 100 miles per hour; and

Whereas, the Eastport area, which suffered a total property loss of over \$1,000,000, was declared a disaster area; and

Whereas, the City Council of Eastport, responding to this disaster, has convened and appointed The Eastport Economic Development Committee and charged it with investigating and developing programs to improve the shattered economy of Eastport and to relieve the consequent unemployment; and

Whereas, this committee has found first, that 6 economic programs are viable, and second, that seed money needed to begin carrying out these programs is unavailable in the Eastport area; and

Whereas, it is vital that the Legislature begin, as soon as possible, enabling the citizens of Eastport to rebuild their waterfront, their economy and their standard of living; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the fol-

lowing 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:

City of Eastport; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the City of Eastport for the fiscal year 1977-78, the sum of \$37,500, to be used to provide start-up funding for the 6 economic rebuilding programs set forth in this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78
EASTPORT, CITY OF	\$37,500
Project #1, Industrial Park and Pier Facilities	\$24,000
Project #2, Waterfront Development	2,500
Project #3, Low Cost Housing	5,000
Project #4, Additions to Municipal Building	1,000
Project #5, Marina	3,750
Project #6, Piers	1,250
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Total	\$37,500

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The need for this appropriation is reflected in the emergency preamble. It should be noted that this appropriation will generate between 8 and 9 million dollars in federal funds.