

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1528

H. P. 1293

House of Representatives, April 11, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fowlie of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Funds for Airport Improvements.

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 Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics for the fiscal year 1977-78, the sum of \$1,153,487. These funds are to be used for airport improvement only and shall not lapse. The funds, when matched with local moneys, shall generally be used to obtain federal airport improvement grants. These funds shall be used throughout the State to create an airport improvement program totaling over \$10,000,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill will appropriate funds which will be used to match federal grants as they become available through the fiscal year 1979. Federal funds available for this program are generated by a charge levied upon the aviation industry. The funds are apportioned to individual states and airports. Should the funds not be used by a particular state those funds lapse and become available to any other state.

The statewide impact on unemployment of this \$10,000,000 program should be significant. There should be a large number of jobs created during construction, with additional permanent jobs after completion of the program.

This program will enhance the safety of the air transportation system in Maine by providing safety facilities and equipment and navigational aids for greater dependability and reliability within the airport system in Maine.

Based on 1976 revenues, it is estimated that during the biennium the aviation industry in Maine will directly contribute \$1,449,908 to the General Fund.

The following airports and amounts comprise the state airports improvements program :

Auburn-Lewiston Airport	\$ 36,300
Augusta State Airport	65,050
Bangor International Airport	138,540
Bar Harbor Airport	22,150
Belfast Municipal Airport	1,500
Caribou Municipal Airport	6,000
Senator Owen Brewster Airport - Dexter	4,000
Charles A Chase, Jr. Memorial Field - Dover-Foxcroft	1,500
Fort Kent Municipal Airport	3,000
Northern Aroostook Airport - Frenchville	16,000
Eastern Slopes Regional Airport - Fryeburg	9,000
Islesboro Airport	1,700
Knox County Airport	25,650
Newton Field - Jackman	2,000
Central Maine Airport - Norridgewock	5,500
Pittsfield Municipal Airport	5,500
Portland Jetport	699,059
Northern Maine Regional - Presque Isle	48,933
Princeton Municipal Airport	1,750
Rangeley Municipal Airport	2,250
Sanford Municipal Airport	5,000
Robert LaFleur Airport - Waterville	31,175
Wiscasset Airport	5,930
Portage Lake Sea Plane Base	6,000
Rumford Airport	10,000
TOTAL	\$1,153,487