

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1589

H. P. 1342

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

Speaker laid before the House and subsequently referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Increase Salaries of Maine Maritime Academy Employees.

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

Whereas, the Maine Maritime Academy was accredited in 1971 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; and

Whereas, one recommendation of that report was that faculty, administrative and classified salaries and benefits be adjusted to be competitive and equitable with other institutions of higher learning in the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the Maine Maritime Academy was reaccredited during the fall of 1976; and

Whereas, it is important for the economy of the State and vital for the education of those citizens of Maine who seek to enter Maine's traditionally strong maritime professions that the Maine Maritime Academy continue as an accredited institution; and

Whereas, this Act will permit the implementation of those recommended salary and benefit increases; 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 Maine Maritime Academy for the fiscal year 1977-78 the sum of \$150,000 and for the fiscal year 1978-79 the sum of \$200,000 which shall be used to adjust salaries and benefits for the faculty, administrative staff and classified employees of the Maine Maritime Academy in accordance with the established salary schedules approved by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY		
Personal Services	\$150,000	\$200,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill appropriates \$197,400 for adjustments to the salaries and benefits of the faculty, \$80,150 for the administrative staff and \$72,450 for the classified employees. The recommended salary schedule for faculty is equal to the average salary of University of Maine faculty. For the administrative staff, the figures are comparable to salaries for the administration of the University of Maine at Farmington. The schedule for the classified employees is the same as the University of Maine classified employee matrix. The board of trustees has approved the establishment of a salary schedule for all levels which includes both meritorious and durational incremental increases. Enactment of this bill is seen as essential to completing the recommendation of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges regarding increased salaries and benefits for Maine Maritime Academy employees. This bill does not include any cost-of-living raises which may be enacted by the Legislature for the State, University and Maine Maritime Academy employees.