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In Senate, January 4, 1978

Governor's Bill. The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and 2,500 ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Mr. Huber of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Adjusting Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1978, and June 30, 1979.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; 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:

PART A

Sec. 1. Appropriations from General Fund. In order to provide for necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30,

1978, and June 30, 1979, the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. Allotments required. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor based upon work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of State Government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise. Allotments for personal services, capital expenditures and amounts for all other departmental expenses shall not exceed the amounts shown in the budget document or as they may be revised by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, unless recommended by the State Budget Officer and approved by the Governor.

Sec. 3. Personal Services appropriation. The figures in parentheses shown above each dollar amount provided for Personal Services in this Act, or as adjusted by legislative action, shall represent the total number of permanent positions at any one time. The appropriations made for Personal Services are made with the provision that the total number of permanent positions shall not be increased during either year of the biennium over the total numbers shown in parentheses and used by the Legislature in computing the total dollars to be made available for Personal Services.

Savings accruing within appropriations made for permanent positions may be used for nonrecurring Personal Services or retirement costs when recommended by the department head and approved by the State Budget Officer.

The amounts appropriated for Personal Services include funds for the state's share of state employees retirement. The State Controller shall transfer the state's share to the Maine State Retirement System as soon as practicable after each payroll is paid.

Sec. 4. Personal Services policy and review. It should be the responsibility of the Bureau of the Budget during this biennium to continually review with all departments the status of their manpower levels and staffing patterns for the purpose of determining whether funds and positions are being utilized and managed in the most economical and efficient manner to accomplish the intent of the Legislature that permanent positions for which funds are appropriated or allocated shall be classified positions unless specifically designated otherwise by the Legislature. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of Personnel and the State Budget Officer to ensure that classified and unclassified positions are assigned to a proper pay grade within authorized funds.

Sec. 5. Personal Services Flexibility. Any classification or reclassification of a position and any allocation or reallocation of a position within the compensation plan made by the Commissioner of Personnel pursuant to the Personnel Law and Rules shall become effective on the first day of the fiscal year following approval by the State Budget Officer, and the appropriation of funds therefor, except that the State Budget Officer may, if he determines that sufficient funds exist, authorize an effective date prior to the first day of the ensuing fiscal year. Copies of all actions and certifications shall be furnished to the Legislative Finance Officer.

Sec. 6. State pay policy. In order to attract and retain employees of unusual merit and ability to the service of the State of Maine, to stimulate higher efficiency among the personnel, to provide skilled leadership, to reward merit and to ensure to the people and the taxpayers of the State of Maine the highest return in services for the necessary costs of government, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to provide equal pay for equal work.

Sec. 7. Merit rating required. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State that in those instances where annual merit increases are earned and warranted as evidenced by the performance appraisals, they shall be awarded. In those instances where such increases are not earned and warranted, they shall be denied.

In furtherance of this policy, the Commissioner of Personnel, utilizing a form or forms prescribed by the commissioner, is directed to require annual merit ratings on all employees regardless of whether or not any such employee is eligible or recommended for a merit increase.

The Commissioner of Personnel is also encouraged within available resources to develop and install a training program for supervisory personnel, including appropriate guides and manuals, which shall ensure that all evaluators charged with the responsibility of doing employee merit ratings shall do so fairly and equitably, one employee to the next and one organizational unit to another.

The Commissioner of Personnel shall supply to the State Personnel Board all data necessary to monitor and evaluate the performance appraisal system, including data regarding the percentage and distribution of merit increases. The board pursuant to its powers under the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 592, shall review the operation of the performance evaluation system and make such recommendations and render such advice to the Commissioner of Personnel, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

The Commissioner of Personnel shall forward to the Joint Standing Committee on State Government of the Legislature the findings and recommendations of the State Personnel Board, annually, prior to the start of the legislative session.

Budgetary priorities and the tax burden. The State Planning Office shall annually conduct an analysis of the economy of the State to be presented to the Governor and the Bureau of the Budget on or before October 1st of each year for consideration in the formulation of budget proposals for the next legislative session. The analysis shall include historical data and comparisons for the 5 previous fiscal years, estimates for the current fiscal year and projections for 2 years ahead in such detail as the Governor may require.

The Governor and the State Budget Officer when preparing budget proposals for the Legislature shall give first priority to consideration of the tax mix among the major broad-based categories of tax and the recommendation of an increase or decrease in the tax burdens as they develop state program recommendations.

The state budget document shall include a report of the economic analysis and such recommendations and other information as the Governor may wish to include.

It is the intent of the Legislature to give priority consideration to the Governor's recommendations in establishing levels of taxation and spending for the ensuing fiscal period.

Sec. 9. Number of necessary employees. The Governor and the State Budget Officer when next preparing budget proposals for the Legislature may at their discretion adjust the figures in parentheses, representing numbers of permanent positions, to reflect the number of positions which in their opinion are necessary to the proper operation of each department, institution or agency.

Sec. 10. New or expanded programs. No department shall establish new programs or expand existing programs beyond the scope of those programs already established,

recognized and approved by the Legislature, until such program and the method of financing shall be submitted to the Budget Office for evaluation and recommendation to the Legislature, and until funds are made available therefor by the Legislature.

Sec. 11. Federally funded programs. It is the intent of the Legislature that in the event federal funds are not available as anticipated for programs in this Act, there is no obligation to provide state funds in excess of the appropriations listed in this Act. Positions entirely or partially funded by federal or other than state sources of funds shall be considered as limited period positions, notwithstanding the figures in parentheses representing numbers of employees, should such funds be withdrawn or reduced.

Sec. 12. Travel limitations. It is the intent of the Legislature that out-of-state travel be limited. Any state employee who travels out-of-state on state business, such as law enforcement, collecting, bidding, industrial development, loans, etc., may continue to do so. The Legislature directs that department heads hold down cost of all travel where it is not absolutely needed. Any state employee who travels in-state, shall not be reimbursed for noon meals, unless the meal is part of an organized meeting or program or overnight travel.

Sec. 13. Equipment to be reviewed. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration, through the State Purchasing Agent or such other agent as he may choose, shall conduct a thorough review of all types of equipment, owned, leased or otherwise available to the several departments and agencies of the State, regardless of the source of supporting funds, combining their use, providing centralized facilities, or eliminating existing equipment and facilities, as he believes to be in the most economical, most efficient and best interests of the State.

Sec. 14. Motor vehicle replacement policy. The State Purchasing Agent is directed to require that requisitions for replacement motor vehicles include the age and total mileage of the motor vehicle being replaced. For the purposes of this section, motor vehicles are defined as passenger cars, panel and pickup trucks, excluding those vehicles operated by the State Police. It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles shall have been in service for at least 5 years or 75,000 miles before they are replaced. This policy shall also be adopted by the State Budget Officer when next preparing a budget document. Exceptions to the established replacement policy shall require the prior approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

Sec. 15. Significant action recommended by Budget Officer. The Bureau of the Budget shall inform the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs through the Legislative Finance Office of significant action recommended by it in the performance of the budget responsibilities hereby assigned.

Sec. 16. State Cost Allocation Program. The State Cost Allocation Program shall annually identify the kind and cost of central services furnished to each state agency from General Fund appropriations. The non-General Fund portion of each agency shall be assessed for these services as determined by the State Cost Allocation Program procedures to the extent such payments are not expressly prohibited by state or federal law. These payments shall be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

Sec. 17. Year-end closing. The State Controller is authorized to close the books as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1978 and June 30, 1979. Any bills presented after those dates may be paid from appropriations for the ensuing year on recommendation of the State Controller if within the amounts of approved allotments.

Sec. 18. Appropriation balances at year end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state moneys, except those that carry forward as provided by law, shall lapse to Unappropriated Surplus as provided by the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 5, section 1544. At the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered appropriation balances shall not be carried more than once, except in those accounts which carry forward from year to year by law.

Sec. 19. Other appropriation measures. It is intended that the language in the preceding sections of this Act shall apply to all other appropriation measures enacted by the Legislature.

PART B — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

POLICY AREA	Appropriation from	
UMBRELLA	General Fund	
UND		
PROGRAM	1977-78	1978-79
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT		
Interstate Agency Assessments		
All Other	25,000	—
Provides additional funds to complete payment of dues to interstate agencies. The State participates in various interstate agencies, including the Council of State Governments, National Governor's Association, New England Governors' Conference, New England Regional Commission, and the New England River Basins Commission.		
Division of Community Services		
All Other	10,000	10,000
Provides a state match which will allow operation of Citizen's Assistance Line, State Ombudsman's Office, Tour Office and portions of the Youth Conservation Corps Program.		
State Development Office		
All Other	50,000	50,000
Provides funds to carry out a public relations program benefiting Maine's industry and commerce, a "Product of Maine" promotional program and assistance in industrial recruiting.		
TOTAL EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	-----	-----
	85,000	60,000
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner		
Positions	(2)	(2)
Personal Services	29,120	59,240
Capital Expenditures	8,500	—
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	37,620	59,240
Provides funds for a full-time Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, a full-time assistant, equipment and a vehicle to provide for transportation of bodies.		

	Appropriations from General Fund	
	1977-78	1978-79
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION		
Administrative Services Division		
Positions	(14)	(14)
Personal Services	78,211	160,864
All Other	6,015	12,026
Bureau of Accounts and Control		
Positions	(-3)	(-3)
Personal Services	(14,353)	(30,011)
All Other	(656)	(1,310)
Bureau of the Budget		
All Other	(180)	(360)
Bureau of Public Improvements		
— Buildings & Grounds Operations		
Positions	(-1)	(-1)
Personal Services	(6,723)	(13,494)
All Other	(909)	(1,818)
Bureau of Taxation		
Positions	(-6)	(-6)
Personal Services	(36,336)	(73,951)
All Other	(1,990)	(3,980)
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Balance of Funds:	23,079	47,966
<p>Provides funds and positions to establish an Administrative Services Division. The balance of funds is provided from the reduction of allocation to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages combined with deposit to General Fund Undedicated Revenue by the Bureau of Purchases — Central Purchasing Services, and by Central Computer Services total \$23,079 (77-78) and \$47,966 (78-79) which will offset the added appropriation necessary from the General Fund.</p>		
Taxation — Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement		
All Other		262,000
<p>Provides funds to reimburse certain municipalities for taxes lost due to lands being classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.</p>		
Bureau of Taxation — Administration		
Positions	—	(8)
Personal Services	—	112,728
All Other	—	18,960
Capital Expenditures	—	6,000
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	—	137,688
<p>Provides funds to create a state valuation capability for industrial properties with a value in excess of \$10 million.</p>		

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
AND ADMINISTRATION—Continued**

**Appropriations from
General Fund**

	1977-78	1978-79
Bureau of Taxation — Administration		
Positions	—	(2)
Personal Services	—	27,356
All Other	—	3,300
Capital Expenditures	—	1,750
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	—	32,406
Provides funds for the State to assist municipalities with revaluational and mapping projects.		
Bureau of Taxation — Administration		
Positions	—	(12)
Personal Services	—	171,258
All Other	—	31,560
Capital Expenditures	—	7,500
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	—	210,318
Provides funds for State assistance to local assessment officials in order to improve the quality of local assessment practices.		
Bureau of Taxation — Tax Relief for the Elderly		
All Other	(200,000)	163,000
Provides adjustment of funds for improved benefits.		
Bureau of Public Improvements — Planning/Construction Administration		
Personal Services	—	125,920
All Other	—	71,000
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	—	196,920
Provides funds to complete the energy audit program.		
Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements		
All Other	—	305,000
Capital Expenditures	—	75,000
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	—	380,000
Provides funds to restore the original recommended level of funding which was adjusted to allow for construction of the gym at Maine Correctional Center. The reduced amount would be inadequate to provide necessary minimum maintenance statewide.		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	-----	-----
	(176,921)	1,430,298

	Appropriations from General Fund	
	1977-78	1978-79
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES — OTHER		
Department of Personnel		
Positions	(3)	(3)
Provides count for 3 permanent full-time clerical positions to replace public works employees and positions after April 1, 1978 and for which sufficient funds are available.		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
Consumer Services		
Positions	—	(1)
Personal Services	—	9,315
All Other	—	2,500
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	—	11,815
Provides 2nd year funding for a Food Inspector Position (salary and related costs) created to carry out the new law on beverage containers. The increased workload cannot be handled effectively with only 2 inspectors.		
State Harness Racing Commission		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Increases authorized headcount from 4 to 5. A seasonal position has been abolished to provide sufficient funding.		
State Soil and Water Conservation Commission		
All Other	—	10,000
Provides \$10,000 for contractual services to address immediate concerns relative to establishing water levels and safety factors of dams.		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF ARGICULTURE	-----	-----
	—	21,815
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION		
Athletic Commission		
Positions	(2)	(2)
Personal Services	700	2,800
All Other	400	1,600
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	1,100	4,400
Provides funds and positions to increase the Athletic Commission from 3 to 5 members. Present board does not have a public member.		
Athletic Commission		
All Other	1,700	3,400

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION—Continued	Appropriations from General Fund	
	1977-78	1978-79
Provides additional funds to compensate for the added responsibility of regulating wrestling matches which require the presence of 2 Commission members to supervise the event and verify gate receipts. Additional revenue of \$4,800 in fiscal year 1978 and \$9,600 in fiscal year 1979 will offset additional appropriation.		
Manufactured Housing Board		
Personal Services	—	2,600
All Other	—	10,000
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	—	12,600
Provides funds to correct inadvertent underfunding of the Manufactured Housing Board.		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	-----	-----
	2,800	20,400
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES		
Enforcement Division		
All Other	30,000	30,000
Provides funds for increased costs.		
INDEPENDENT AGENCY — REGULATORY		
Public Utilities Commission		
Positions	—	(1)
Personal Services	—	20,000
All Other	—	5,000
Capital Expenditures	—	500
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	—	25,500
Provides additional staff to the chairman to administer provisions of the Public Utilities Law in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.		
INDEPENDENT AGENCY — Not Part of State Government		
MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION		
All Other	150,000	100,000
Provides sufficient funds for the foundation to operate effectively. Matching contributions must be raised from both public and private sources before access is allowed to the legislative appropriation. This additional support would strengthen this fund-raising effort.		
Any appropriated funds not matched by the foundation shall not lapse, but shall carry forward from year to year until the foundation can demonstrate a matching and equal fiscal support		

INDEPENDENT AGENCY —	Appropriations from	
Not Part of State Government—Continued	General Fund	
	1977-78	1978-79
from its private and public corporators and members.		
EDUCATION AND CULTURE		
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES		
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools		
All Other	1,529,956	—
Provides funds for reimbursement to local units for debt service. Offset by an equal amount of revenue.		
Library and Development Services		
All Other	—	90,000
Provides funds to contract with WCBB-TV to air in-school television programs during 1978-79 school year.		
Library and Development Services		
Capital Expenditures	—	33,000
Provides funds to replace a bookmobile.		
Education of Institutional Residents		
All Other	—	203,095
Provides funding to public schools for educating residents of State operated institutions.		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES	-----	-----
	1,529,956	326,095
HUMAN SERVICES		
MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION		
Regulatory		
All Other	7,500	7,500
Provides for additional costs of the commission.		
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	7,500	7,500
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
Children's Protective Services		
Positions	—	(16)
Personal Services	—	215,500
All Other	—	97,000
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	—	312,500
Provides funds to continue services to children under 4 categories: Child Protective Services; Substitute Care; Family Crisis Services; and, Purchased Services previously funded. The request represents 25% of the cost of the program in fiscal year 1979 with the federal funds assuming the other 75% of program costs.		

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES—Continued

**Appropriations from
General Fund**

	1977-78	1978-79
Intermediate Care		
All Other	—	3,500,000
50% of Mental Health Improvement Fund revenues for FY 79 were undedicated and need to be appropriated to Intermediate Care. Additional General Fund revenues will offset this appropriation.		
Intermediate Care		
All Other	265,530	584,985
Provides funds to cover increased costs in Intermediate Care due to the increase in the minimum wage.		
Medical Care		
All Other	200,623	432,717
Provides funds to cover increased costs in Medical Care due to the increase in the minimum wage.		
Intermediate Care		
All Other	225,000	450,000
Provides funds for increased rates from \$200 to \$237.50 in 6-bed nursing homes effective January 1, 1978.		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	691,153	5,280,202

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & CORRECTIONS

Capital Construction

Capital Expenditures

Provides funds to correct fire and safety deficiencies in the various institutions as identified by the State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Labor (OSHA) as follows:

Description	Cost
Bangor Mental Health Institute —	
Pre-Release Center Sprinkler System	30,000
Mattresses, Department-wide	85,000
Maine State Prison, Fire and	
Safety Deficiencies	26,500
Maine Correctional Center, Fire and	
Safety Deficiencies	15,800
Pineland Fire Extinguishers and Fire Hose	15,000
Maine Youth Center, Fire and	
Safety Deficiencies	80,000
Augusta Mental Health Institute, Fire	
and Safety Deficiencies	5,000
	257,300

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
& CORRECTIONS—Continued**

**Appropriations from
General Fund**

1977-78 1978-79

This appropriation shall carry until the completion of the projects.

Capital Construction

Capital Expenditures

900,180

—

Provides funds for high priority repair and capital improvement needs in the various institutions as follows:

Maine State Prison — Security bars,
new locks, showers and heating
renovations (\$285,000)

Pineland Center — Boiler
renovations, Intermediate Care
Facilities deficiencies (\$242,800)

Bangor Mental Health Institute —
Replace Roofs (\$57,000)

Augusta Mental Health Institute —
Replace Roofs (\$40,380)

Maine Correctional Center —
Control Center (\$25,000)

Maine Youth Center — Renovate
intermediate control cottage (\$250,000)

This appropriation shall carry until the completion of the projects.

Pineland Center

All Other

105,478

—

Unallocated

—

2,000,000

105,478

2,000,000

Provides emergency supplemental funds to meet increased costs of operations. Also provides a set aside of funds estimated to be needed to meet the requirements at Pineland and in the community relative to the class action suit.

Department Operations

Positions

—

(29)

Personal Services

—

363,393

All Other

—

67,290

Capital

—

23,200

—

453,883

Provides 29 positions and related costs to allow the department to initiate and provide a Court Intake System for Juveniles as a result of enactment of the Juvenile Code.

Community Correctional Services

All Other

—

309,407

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
& CORRECTIONS—Continued**

**Appropriations from
General Fund**

	1977-78	1978-79
Provides funds to continue Community Correctional Services: treatment and evaluation units; adult halfway houses, juvenile halfway houses; emergency shelter and prevention and intervention programs.		
Maine State Prison		
Positions	—	(12)
Personal Services	—	116,125
All Other	80,840	7,620
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	80,840	123,745
Provides supplemental funding plus requested security coverage.		
Departmental Operations		
All Other	—	18,400
Provides funds for ongoing plant operating costs of the Stevens School Campus.		
Maine Correctional Center		
Positions	—	(11)
Personal Services	—	112,815
All Other	—	14,500
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	—	127,315
Provides funds to continue the operation of the prerelease center which is presently Law Enforcement Assistance Agency funded.		
Maine Correctional Center		
Positions	(5)	(7)
Personal Services	21,866	78,000
All Other	30,875	2,439
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	52,741	80,439
Provides emergency supplemental funds to meet increased costs of operations.		
Provides emergency and continuing funding to staff cottage 3 and to alleviate the over-crowded situation at this institution.		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & CORRECTIONS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,396,539	3,113,189
Natural Resources		
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION		
Division of Forest Fire Control		
Unallocated	150,000	150,000
Provides funds to improve fire suppression capability by accelerating the replacement schedule for equipment.		

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION—Continued	Appropriations from General Fund	
	1977-78	1978-79
TOTAL OF GENERAL FUND	3,903,647	10,624,239

PART C

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 1015, Sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 105, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Tax rate. The excise tax on parcels of softwood forest land shall be 65¢ per acre for 1978 and 67¢ per acre for 1979. The excise tax on parcels of mixed wood forest land shall be 32½¢ per acre for 1978 and 33½¢ per acre for 1979.

Sec. 2 Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund \$6,007,827 to be credited to the Budworm Suppression Fund and to be expended by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. Any unexpended balance of this appropriation and funds previously appropriated for this purpose shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account for these purposes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
Natural Resources		
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION		
Spruce Budworm Control		
Unallocated	1,934,574	3,873,253
Provides funds for spruce budworm suppression and control.		
Spruce Budworm Control		
Unallocated	100,000	100,000
Provides funds for research grants pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 12, Section 1027.		

General Fund Undedicated Revenues from Excise Tax should be increased \$1,936,987 for the fiscal year 1978 and \$3,793,208 for the fiscal year 1979.

PART D

Sec. 1. Allocation of Maine Coastal Protection Fund. Income to the Maine Coastal Protection Fund for the next fiscal year, from July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979 shall be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule:

Natural Resources	
Department of Environmental Protection	1978-79
Maine Coastal Protection Fund	
Research and Development	\$100,000
This allocates the Maine Coastal Protection Fund as required by the Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 551, subsection 1.	

Sec. 2. Adjustments to allocations of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and the State Liquor Commission. The following adjustments are made to the allocations for the operation and administration of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and the State Liquor Commission.

	1977-78	1978-79
General Government		
Department of Finance and Administration		
Alcoholic Beverages		
Administration		
Positions	(-1)	(-1)
Personal Services	(5,732)	(11,998)
All Other	(728)	(1,454)
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	(6,460)	(13,452)
Liquor Store Supervision		
Positions	(-1)	(-1)
Personal Services	(5,094)	(10,609)
All Other	(737)	(1,474)
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	(5,831)	(12,083)

Decreases the allocation act for those positions and funds provided to the Division of Administrative Services under the Department of Finance & Administration in the appropriation act. General Fund revenues should be increased by a like amount.

PART E

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 770, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 497, § 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Public Utilities Commission members, other than chairman.

Sec. 3. 2 MRSA § 7, sub-§ 2, last 3 lines, as enacted by P & SL 1975, c. 147, C, § 4, are repealed as follows:

Public Utilities Commission	
 Chairman	22,050;
 Members other than Chairman	18,000;

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$39,500 as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
Public Utilities Commission		
Personal Services	7,900	31,600

Sec. 5. Effective date. Part E shall be effective the first pay period in April 1978.

Provides for the restoration of the chairman and members of the Public Utilities Commission to the regular department head salary scale.

PART F

P & SL 1975, c. 147, Pt. D, § 3, Schedule 1a is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

SCHEDULE 1a
(Physicians)

Grade	Point Range	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
50	606	652	22,894.09	24,039.06	25,239.68	26,503.92	27,829.12	29,220.57	30,680.94
51	653	702	23,803.25	24,993.69	26,242.00	27,556.44	28,934.26	30,380.98	31,899.33
52	703	757	24,768.08	26,006.77	27,305.68	28,673.40	30,107.07	31,612.42	33,192.33
53	758	815	25,825.69	27,117.27	28,471.64	29,897.76	31,392.65	32,962.28	34,609.65
54	816	878	26,938.95	28,286.21	29,698.96	31,186.56	32,745.89	34,383.18	36,101.56
55	879	945	28,144.99	29,552.56	31,028.56	32,582.76	34,211.90	35,922.49	37,717.80
56	946	1018	29,443.60	30,916.33	32,460.44	34,086.36	35,790.68	37,580.21	39,458.37
57	1019	1097	30,853.93	32,396.99	34,015.05	35,718.84	37,504.78	39,380.02	41,348.13
58	1098	1181	32,375.40	33,994.54	35,692.39	37,480.20	39,354.21	41,321.92	43,387.08
59	1182	1272	33,989.63	35,689.51	37,472.01	39,348.96	41,316.41	43,382.23	45,550.36
60	1273	1370	35,752.30	37,540.33	39,415.28	41,389.56	43,459.04	45,631.99	47,912.55
61	1371	1476	37,644.85	39,527.53	41,501.73	43,580.52	45,759.55	48,047.52	50,448.81
62	1477	1590	39,685.84	41,670.59	43,751.82	45,943.32	48,240.49	50,652.51	53,183.99

NOTE: Step D of each Range = 21.48 P + 12, 993, where P = average of point spread for each Range. Formula based on 1977 salary survey data.

Provides an adjustment to the schedule affecting physicians — psychiatrists professionals to alleviate a critical recruitment problem in state institutions.

PART G

Sec. 1. PL 1977, c. 579, § I, § 6, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

The appropriation and allocation are to be used for state employees salary increases, elimination of the 60/40 merit increase practice, **unemployment compensation reimbursements**, and to offset the increase in state health insurance cost.

Provides a source of supplemental funds for reimbursements. Effective January 1, 1978, all units of State Government are liable for unemployment benefits paid to eligible recipients.

Sec. 2. P & SL 1977, c. 58, § 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. **Expenditure of funds.** These expenditures shall be made from any available balances in the nonlapsing major capital construction fund and the education subsidy account for fiscal years ~~1976-77~~ 1977-78 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for this project.

Provides for a shift in the cost of the Stockholm project between fiscal years.

Sec. 3. P & SL 1977, c. 59, last line is amended to read:

HUMAN SERVICES, Department of	\$900,000	\$1,952,000
	\$3,135,000	\$905,000

Provides for the adjustment of allowable expenditures in these 2 programs for this current fiscal year. Revenues generated from this source to the Department of Human Services have been undedicated and appropriated in the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Sec. 4. Adjustment of General Fund appropriation to Department of Educational and Cultural Services for general purpose aid for local schools. The General Fund appropriation to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for general purpose aid for local schools is adjusted as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
Education and Culture		
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES		
General purpose aid for local schools		
All Other	(3,400,000)	
Provides additional funds for subsidies to local schools.		

PART H

Appropriations and Allocations
Total Appropriations and Allocations

	1977-78	1978-79
Total General Fund	2,546,121	14,629,092
Part B	3,903,647	10,624,239
Part C	2,034,574	3,973,253
Part E	7,900	31,600
Part G	(3,400,000)	—
Total Allocation Coastal Protection Fund	—	100,000
Total Allocation-Alcoholic Beverages	(12,291)	(25,535)

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purposes of this Act are reflected in the title and as summarized in Part H.