

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 528**

H. P. 411

House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Authorizing the State to Contract with Tufts University School of  
Veterinary Medicine.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**20 MRSA § 2276, sub-§ 1, first sentence**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 703, § 6, is amended to read:

The Department of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to expend the money appropriated by the Legislature for the purchase of positions at accredited medical schools, up to the amount necessary to purchase up to 40 positions each year, to a total of 160, at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine, Dartmouth Medical School or other accredited medical schools; up to 10 positions each year, to a total of 25, at Tufts School of Dental Medicine or other accredited dental schools; and up to 4 positions each year, to a total of 16, at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University or ~~other accredited schools of veterinary medicine~~ **Tufts University School of Medicine**; and up to 2 positions each year, to a total of 8, at the New England College of Optometry; and up to 10 positions each year, to a total of 40, at the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

After many years of planning and fund raising, Tufts University will open its doors to a new regional school of veterinary medicine in September of 1979. This legislation would authorize the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to contract for up to 4 spaces for Maine students each year at the school. Another advantage of this contracting arrangement is the possibility of Maine receiving additional educational and research services to benefit Maine agriculture as a result of the proximity to this school.