

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1174**

H. P. 944

House of Representatives, March 13, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. D. Carter of Winslow.

Cosponsor: Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Assist in the Use of Foreign Trade Zones.**

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

Whereas, several areas within the State are eligible under federal and state legislation to establish foreign trade zones; and

Whereas, the establishment of these zones will benefit both the nearby communities and the State as a whole in the resulting expansion of employment and business activity; and

Whereas, state assistance will greatly assist in the use of these zones and passage of this Act will provide this assistance; 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:

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 7002, sub-§ 2, ¶ H is enacted to read:**

**H. The director shall make grants for market development from appropriations therefor to any municipality or group of municipalities which have received a grant of authority from the Federal Government to establish a foreign trade zone, provided that:**

**(1) No municipality or group of municipalities shall be granted amounts totaling more than \$10,000 under this chapter; and**

**(2) The municipality or group of municipalities shall, during the state fiscal year during which any grant expenditure is made, expend from its own appropriated funds a matching amount, equal to or greater than the amount expended from the grant, for market development. "Market development" shall mean any activity to encourage use of the trade zone.**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1979-80**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

State Development Office -

Foreign Trade Zone Market Development

Grants

All Other

\$30,000

Any funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 1979-80 shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to fiscal year 1980-81 and shall be available for obligation during fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81, after which any unobligated balances shall lapse.

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

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Under federal and state law, a municipality or group of municipalities may establish a foreign trade zone. Any municipality that is a port of entry is eligible to apply for trade zone designation. Establishment of such a zone can benefit both nearby communities and the State by significantly expanding business and employment.

This bill authorizes a state grant-in-aid to municipalities which have an approved trade zone to be used for a marketing development effort. The State will grant amounts not to exceed \$10,000 to a municipality or group of municipalities for market development, which the municipality or municipalities shall match. The bill includes an appropriation of \$30,000 which will be available for obligation during fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81.