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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-741)
109TH LEGISATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1589, L.D. 1691, Bill, "AN ACT Providing Funds for Emergency Home Heating Assistance for Certain Elderly and Low-Income Households and for the Winterization, Citizens' Assistance and Housing Rehabilitation Technician Programs and Correcting an Error in the Energy Inventory Reporting Law."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Provide Funds for the Winterization, Housing Rehabilitation Technician and Citizens' Assistance Programs.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1979-80

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Division of Community Services

Home Winterization

Personal Services	\$ 10,681
All Other	1,038,398
Capital Expenditures	125

Provides funds for housing repair materials partial funding of 3 existing staff positions, needed office equipment and all other funds for the Home Winterization Program. Position count is omitted because of partial federal funding.

Housing Rehabilitation Technician Program

Personal Services	4,336
All Other	73,664

Provides state matching funds for Continuation of Housing Rehabilitation Technician Program, including temporary partial funding of one existing staff position. Position count is omitted because of partial federal funding.

Citizens' Assistance Service

All Other	2,628
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Provides funds for telephone costs of expanded, toll-free Citizens' Assistance Service.

AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF

All Other	20,000
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To provide funds for the audit and report authorized by section 2.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION	\$1,149,832
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Sec. 2. Audit and report. The Department of Audit shall conduct a special audit of funds appropriated under this Act. The department shall report the results of its audit to the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review, on or before December 31, 1980.

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

Statement of Fact

The amendment appropriates funds for the Home Winterization and the Housing Rehabilitation Technician Programs. These appropriations will also allow full use of other available federal funds from the Departments of Energy and Housing and Urban Development. A significant problem with presently available federal winterization funds is that they are primarily restricted to the purchase of winterization materials and do not provide for labor costs in installing these materials. The appropriation under this amendment will provide 100 slots for winterization labor through June 30, 1980.

The appropriation for the Housing Rehabilitation Technician Project will allow that project to continue for 4 months after which time federal funds will again be available for funding the project.