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Legislative Document

No. 1727

H. P. 1617 Governor's Bill. Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House Presented by Mrs. Chonko of Topsham. Cosponsors: Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield and Mr. Tuttle of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Expand the State's Program to Promote Apprenticeships

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

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

1980-81

MANPOWER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Labor

Positions (1) Personal Services \$15,590 All Other 5,200 Funds allocated are for support of the

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an additional apprentice specialist and program support and development funds for the Apprenticeship Program of the Bureau of Labor. The Apprenticeship Program has expanded significantly. Additional resources are required for overall program promotion and development, to work with programs and apprentices, and to assure coordination with other manpower training programs.

The State Apprenticeship Council was established by statute in 1943 with the responsibility for the registration of programs and apprentices. The Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training under the United States Department of Labor works in coorperation with the state program by assisting in the preparation of standards, compliance reviews, and related matters.

The number of active apprenticeship programs totaled 341 at the end of the fiscal year with approximately 1,850 apprentices now registered, representing an increase of 394 apprentices over the previous fiscal year.