

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EMERGENCY
(Governor's Bill)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1880

H. P. 1753

House of Representatives, January 25, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

Cosponsor: Mr. Morton of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT to Provide Compensation and Benefits Agreed to by the State and the
Maine State Troopers Association.**

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

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state collective bargaining agreements with the Maine State Troopers Association 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:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sums of \$114,950 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$147,400 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, and there is allocated from the Highway Fund the sums of \$344,850 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$442,200 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, to implement the compensation

benefits agreed to by the State and the Maine State Troopers Association and ratified by the Maine State Troopers Association on December 30, 1979. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1979-80	1980-81
STATE POLICE COMPENSATION FUND		
General Fund		
All Other	\$114,950	\$147,400
Highway Fund Compensation Fund	344,850	442,200

Sec. 2. Funding. The funding provided by this Act shall include retirement costs and be available for all employees covered by the agreement between the State and the Maine State Troopers Association.

Sec. 3. Special account. The funding provided shall be segregated in a special account to be made available as needed upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor.

Sec. 4. Intent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is the intent of the Legislature that retired persons receiving benefits under the Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 195, shall have their benefits adjusted, effective with the start of the payroll period commencing nearest to January 1, 1980.

Sec. 5. Carrying clause. Any balances remaining from previous salary accounts and any balance remaining from salary accounts established by this Act shall not lapse, but shall carry forward to June 30, 1981.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides funding for and the implementation of the cost items in the agreement reached on December 17, 1979, between the State and the Maine State Troopers Association in the unit covering troopers, corporals and sergeants in the Maine State Police. The agreement has been ratified by the members of the Maine State Troopers Association.

The agreement provides for a \$20 a week across-the-board general increase for all members of the unit, effective the payroll period starting closest to January 1, 1980. Members will receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$450 which is not considered compensation for overtime or retirement purposes, to cover the period from July 1st through December 31, 1979. These are the 2 main cost items of the agreement. In addition, steps above the job grade mid-point are being restored for troopers, while corporals and sergeants who are receiving less than others of their rank who have served less time in grade will receive special adjustments to correct these inequities.

This bill also provides funds for the retirees receiving benefits under the old Maine State Police Retirement Plan, Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 195, who do not benefit from cost-of-living adjustments provided to retirees under the Maine State Retirement System.