

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2043

H. P. 2062

House of Representatives, May 21, 1980

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

Cosponsor: Mr. Morton of Farmington.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

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. Allocation. There is allocated from the State Contingency account in the Department of Finance and Administration to a special compensation account the sum of \$131,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981 and there is allocated from the Highway Fund the sum of \$393,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, to implement the compensation benefits agreed to by the State and the Maine State Troopers Association on May 15, 1980. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1980-81

STATE POLICE COMPENSATION FUND

General Fund	\$131,000
Highway Fund Compensation Fund	393,000

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 segregate 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 July 1, 1980.

Sec. 5. Carrying clause. Any balances remaining from previous Highway Fund salary accounts and any balance remaining from the Highway Fund 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 May 15, 1980, between the State and the Maine State Troopers Association in the bargaining 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 seven percent (7%) a week general salary increase for all members of the unit, effective the payroll period starting closest to July 1, 1980. Also, effective January 1, 1981, the State is going to pay up to eight dollars (\$8.00) per month towards the cost of dependent coverage of the health insurance premiums. These are the 2 main cost items of the agreement.

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.