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EMERGENCY FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 284

S. P. 117

In Senate, January 19, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1981 for Programs which were Covered under Declining Federal Grants.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the close of the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain expenses of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for programs funded by the State which were covered under declining federal grants are payable before the close of the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, unless those expenses are paid, the department will be forced to make major cuts in personnel and programs; 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:

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

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All Other

\$235,426

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is set out in the emergency preamble.