

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 943

H. P. 789

House of Representatives, February 20, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carter of Winslow.

Cosponsor: Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Foreign Trade Zones.

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

Whereas, Public Law 1979, chapter 547 granted state assistance for areas eligible to establish foreign trade zones; and

Whereas, these funds are scheduled to lapse at the end of the 1980-81 fiscal year; and

Whereas, these funds must be continued and the minimum amount of grants allowable must be increased in order to provide for use of these funds after June 30, 1981; and

Whereas, in order to avoid lapsing of these funds this Act must take effect prior to July 1, 1981; 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. 5 MRSA § 7002, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, sub-¶ (1), as enacted by PL 1979, c. 547, § 2, is amended to read:

(1) No municipality or group of municipalities shall be granted amounts totaling more than ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 under this chapter; and

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 7002, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, sub-¶ (2), last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 547, § 2, is amended to read:

“Market development” ~~shall mean~~ means any activity to encourage use of the trade zone, or of its sections or subzones where they may be located in Maine communities from the main zone.

Sec. 3. PL 1979, c. 547, § 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds ~~shall be~~ are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1979-80

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

State Development Office
Foreign Trade Zone Market
Development Grants
All Other

\$30,000

Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year 1979-80 shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to fiscal year ~~1980-81 and shall be available for obligation during fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81, after which any unobligated balances shall lapse.~~

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 to amend the law concerning foreign trade zone market grants to:

1. Increase the limit on total grants to any one zone from \$10,000 to \$20,000;
2. Provide for zone services in communities anywhere in the State in the form of zone sections or subzones; and
3. Delete the provision which lapses unobligated balances after June 1981.