

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1547**

H. P. 1362

House of Representatives, April 16, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to  
Joint Rule 24

Out of Order, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial  
Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

Cosponsor: Representative Pearson of Old Town.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Make Allocations from the Regulatory Fund, Public Utilities  
Commission, for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1982 and June 30, 1983.**

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**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 will not terminate until after the beginning of the  
next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the  
department will become due and payable on or immediately after 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:

**Allocation of Regulatory Fund; Public Utilities Commission.** Income to the  
Regulatory Fund, Public Utilities Commission for the next 2 fiscal years, from  
July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982 and from July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983, shall be

segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule:

	1981-82	1982-83
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION		
Regulatory Fund		
Positions	(4)	(4)
Personal Services	\$ 85,791	\$ 86,641
All Other	63,840	62,990
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Total	\$149,631	\$149,631

This allocates the Regulatory Fund, Public Utilities Commission, which is required by the Public Laws of 1979, chapter 427.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Public Law 1979, chapter 427, established an assessment on utilities based on not more than .2% on the intrastate gross operating revenues. It also requires legislative approval of such assessments and related expenditures in the same manner as the budget of the Public Utilities Commission is approved. This bill provides the necessary approval.