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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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Legislative Document

No. 1816

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H.P. 1393

House of Representatives, January 4, 1984

Reference to the Committee on Education. Ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Cosponsors: Representative Jacques of Waterville, Senator Kany of Kennebec and Senator Clark of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Conferring  
Degrees by Thomas College.

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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, permission is required of this Legislature for any institution of higher education to confer academic, education, literary or professional degrees upon recommendation of the State Board of Education; and

Whereas, the graduate school at Thomas College requests approval to grant an additional graduate degree, that is, a Master of Business Administration; and

Whereas, this change will more accurately identify the nature of the current graduate curriculum and

1 does not reflect a change in the purpose or content  
2 of the current graduate program; and

3       Whereas, it is necessary to permit this addition-  
4 al degree designation in order to allow 1984 gradu-  
5 ates to have the proper degree designation on their  
6 diplomas; and

7       Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
8 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
9 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
10 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
11 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
12 therefore,

13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
14 follows:

15       **Degrees.** In addition to the rights, privileges  
16 and powers granted to Thomas College by the Revised  
17 Statutes of 1954, chapter 54; the Private and Special  
18 Laws of 1959, chapter 117; the Private and Special  
19 Laws of 1963, chapter 72; the Private and Special  
20 Laws of 1969, chapter 61; the Private and Special  
21 Laws of 1973, chapter 203; and the Private and Spe-  
22 cial Laws of 1975, chapter 134, Thomas College, by  
23 appropriate action of its trustees, may confer, upon  
24 all who satisfactorily complete such courses of study  
25 as the trustees may prescribe, a Master of Business  
26 Administration Degree.

27       **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
28 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
29 proved.

30    STATEMENT OF FACT

31       The purpose of this bill is set out in the emer-  
32 gency preamble.

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