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1 (EMERGENCY)

2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

3
4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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6 Legislative Document

No. 1992

7
8 S.P. 720

In Senate, January 24, 1984

9 Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule
10 24.

11 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, Senator Bustin of
Kennebec and Senator Gill of Cumberland.

13 STATE OF MAINE

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

17
18 AN ACT to Make Allocations from the
19 Health Care Finance Commission Fund for the
20 Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1984.
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22 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the immediate use of the amounts paid to
26 the Health Care Finance Commission Fund is essential
27 to the commission's efforts to implement the hospital
28 financing system by the dates specified in the Re-
29 vised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 107 as enacted by
30 Public Law 1983, chapter 579; and

31 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
32 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
33 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
34 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-

1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore,

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 **Sec. 1. Allocation.** The following funds are al-
6 located from the Health Care Finance Commission Fund
7 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8 1983-84

9 HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION

10	Positions	(9)
11	Personal Services	\$ 86,903
12	All Other	161,701
13	Capital Expenditures	<u>6,000</u>
14	Total	\$254,604

15 **Sec. 2. Adjustments to allocations.** Allocations
16 may be increased or adjusted by the State Budget Of-
17 ficer with the approval of the Governor to specifi-
18 cally cover those adjustments determined to be neces-
19 sary under any salary plan approved by the Legisla-
20 ture and those reclassifications or range changes
21 which have been approved by the Department of Person-
22 nel and submitted for legislative review prior to the
23 effective date of this Act.

24 **Sec. 3. Encumbered balances at year end.** At
25 the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered balances
26 shall not be carried more than once.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The Legislature has appropriated \$150,000 from
3 the General Fund for the support of the commission
4 during the current fiscal year. The balance of the
5 commission's needs is to be met by an assessment paid
6 by each hospital. Public Law 1983, chapter 107 spec-
7 ifies that for the period of October 1, 1983, to June
8 30, 1984, each hospital shall pay an assessment equal
9 to 75% of the total annual dues and fees for which it
10 was liable to a voluntary budget review organization
11 during its most recent fiscal year which ended prior
12 to July 1, 1983. Public Law 1983, chapter 107 fur-
13 ther specifies that this assessment is to be paid to
14 the Health Care Finance Commission Fund in 3 equal
15 installments due on or before November 1, 1983, Janu-
16 ary 1, 1984, and April 1, 1984.

17 The purpose of this bill is to allocate the funds
18 paid to the Health Care Finance Commission Fund for
19 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984. It is impera-
20 tive that this action be taken immediately in order
21 to permit the commission to continue its efforts to
22 implement the hospital financing system without in-
23 terruption. Any significant delay will prevent the
24 commission from retaining additional staff and taking
25 the other steps necessary to implement the system by
26 the dates specified in Public Law 1983, chapter 107.

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