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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2461

S.P. 914

In Senate, April 11, 1984

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.
Cosponsor: Representative Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Making Authorizations and
Allocations Relating to Federal Block
Grants for the Expenditures of State
Government for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1984.

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

Whereas, certain previously unanticipated revenues are expected to be made available to the State by the Federal Government as a result of a supplemental grant award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; and

Whereas, there is a public need for these funds to be expended as expeditiously as possible; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
8 follows:

9 **Sec. 1. Authorization.** In accordance with the
10 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1670, the State is
11 authorized to accept federal block grants in the fol-
12 lowing amounts.

13 1983-84

14 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

15 Division of Community Services
16 Low Income Home Energy Assistance \$2,693,480

17 **Sec. 2. Allocation; additional federal funds al-**
18 **located for expanded programs.** Federal funds for
19 program expansion related to the Home Energy Assist-
20 ance Program and the Low Income Weatherization Pro-
21 gram in addition to the sums as have been previously
22 authorized are allocated as follows.

23 1983-84

24 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

25 Division of Community Services
26 Low Income Home Energy Assistance
27 All Other \$2,693,480

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to authorize the acceptance of and to allocate \$2,693,480 of expected additional federal revenues projected to become available to the State as a result of an increase in the United States Department of Health and Human Services' block grant for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. These funds will supplement the existing programs: Home Energy Assistance Program and the Low Income Weatherization Program.

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