

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)
(EMERGENCY)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 493

H.P. 372 House of Representatives, February 23, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Fund the Reconstruction of the
2 Entrance to the Maine State Cultural
3 Building.
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5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
6 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
7 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, the current entrance and plaza in front
9 of the Maine State Cultural Building require major
10 renovations to prevent recurring serious water damage
11 from leaks; and

12 Whereas, funds provided by the 112th Legislature
13 have been sufficient only to provide for asbestos

1 abatement and reconstruction within the building, re-
2 placement of the roof and for repair of masonry; and

3 Whereas, funding must be provided immediately for
4 the entrance design, bidding and contracting pro-
5 cesses to be carried out to allow construction to be-
6 gin this summer and avoid another year's delay; 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 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
16 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
17 of this Act.

18 1986-87

19 FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF

20 Rainy Day Fund Program

21 Unallocated (\$1,200,000)

22 ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT
23 OF

24 Bureau of Public Im-
25 provements - Planning
26 and Construction - Ad-
27 ministration

28 All Other \$1,200,000

1 Transfers \$1,200,000
2 from the Rainy Day
3 Fund Program to the
4 Bureau of Public Im-
5 provements - Plan-
6 ning and Construc-
7 tion Administration
8 to provide suffi-
9 cient funds for the
10 design and recon-
11 struction of the en-
12 trance to the Maine
13 State Cultural
14 Building and for re-
15 lated improvements.
16 It is intended that
17 these funds shall
18 not lapse, but shall
19 remain available for
20 the same purpose.

21 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
22 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
23 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

25 Since its initial construction, the entrance to
26 the Maine State Cultural Building has leaked, causing
27 significant water damage to the Maine State Library's
28 sections of the building. In the past year, leaks
29 around the entrance as well as through the main roof
30 have caused still further damage.

31 Public Law 1985, chapter 814, effective June 5,
32 1986, provided a total of \$1,400,000 to repair the
33 roof of the Maine State Cultural Building and carry
34 out asbestos abatement and reconstruction. This mon-
35 ey, together with other general repair funds, is suf-
36 ficient only to complete the asbestos abatement and
37 reconstruction, resealing and waterproofing the exte-
38 rior of the building and reroofing the building.

1 Additional money is needed to reconstruct the en-
2 trance to the building, covering the court area to
3 avoid continued damage from a faulty design. Esti-
4 mated costs are \$1,200,000.

5 An emergency appropriation from the Rainy Day
6 Fund Program is needed to provide immediate funding
7 allowing proper bidding and contracting procedures to
8 be carried out so that construction can begin this
9 summer and be coordinated with the roof replacement
10 and masonry repair. The regular appropriation pro-
11 cess would delay construction until the spring of
12 1988 and the building would suffer further damage
13 during this period.

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