

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 547

H.P. 413 House of Representatives, February 25, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator
PEARSON of Penobscot and Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Making an Appropriation to the
2 Department of Agriculture, Food and
3 Rural Resources for the Maine
4 Rehabilitation Fund.
5

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

8 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
9 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
10 of this Act.

11 1987-88

12 AGRICULTURE, FOOD
13 AND RURAL RESOURCES,
14 DEPARTMENT OF

1 All Other \$100,000
2 Funds to be used to
3 further the program
4 of Maine Rehabilitation
5 tion Fund Scholar-
6 ships.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The funds appropriated by this bill to the De-
9 partment of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
10 will be used to supplement the current endowment of
11 the Maine Rehabilitation Fund Scholarships Program.
12 Currently, the program only awards approximately
13 \$25,000 for each year in straight scholarship grants
14 and \$5,000 for each year which is matched by funds
15 from Future Farmers of America to develop leadership
16 skills. The scholarships are awarded to students of
17 families involved in agriculture or forestry typical-
18 ly in economically disadvantaged areas of the State.
19 The scholarships help farming and forestry families
20 by allowing the student to continue to work in the
21 family enterprise, yet still be able to afford higher
22 education. The funds appropriated in this bill allow
23 expansion of this program of scholarship grants which
24 may in turn provide the necessary education to con-
25 tinued entry of new agricultural and forestry related
26 enterprises utilizing new tools, methods and technol-
27 ogies.

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