

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 560

S.P. 204

In Senate, March 2, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator KERRY of York.
Cosponsored by Senator USHER of Cumberland, Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide Matching Energy Grants to
2 Small Businesses, Municipalities and
3 Nonprofit Organizations which Receive
4 Public Funding.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 Allocation. The following funds are allocated
9 from funds commonly known as the "Stripper Well Fund"
10 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

11 1987-88 1988-89

12 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

13 Energy Resources,

WILSONS WAIVER FORM

EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT USA (2000) 2000

1	Office of		
2	Positions	(2)	(2)
3	Personal Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
4	Small Business Rebate Program		
5	All Other	220,000	220,000
6	Municipality, Nonprofit, Program		
7			
8	All Other	220,000	220,000
9	Total	\$500,000	\$500,000

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This program provides funds for matching energy
 12 conservation grants to small businesses, municipali-
 13 ties and nonprofit organizations which receive public
 14 funding. The program would be run according to the
 15 general guidelines of the federal Institutional Con-
 16 servation Program, administered by the Office of En-
 17 ergy Resources. Schools and hospitals which have
 18 participated in the program have reduced their oil
 19 expenditures by over 5.6 million dollars a year.
 20 This program would allow matching grants for
 21 cost-effective energy conservation projects in other
 22 publicly-funded buildings which are not eligible for
 23 the program funding, thus saving taxpayer dollars.
 24 All municipalities would be eligible to submit pro-
 25 posals under this program. Schools and hospitals
 26 which are eligible under the Institutional Conserva-
 27 tion Program would not be eligible under this pro-
 28 gram as well.

1 In addition, grants would be awarded to small
2 businesses on a competitive basis to projects which
3 are determined to be the most cost-effective in sav-
4 ing energy. Businesses which are classified as Gen-
5 eral Service 1 or 2 are eligible. Larger businesses,
6 classified as General Service 3, are eligible in Cen-
7 tral Maine Power's territory for a similar program.
8 Projects with paybacks of 2 years or less would not
9 be eligible. This grant program would help small
10 state businesses reduce their energy bills, provide
11 restitution to overcharged businesses and leverage
12 private investment in conservation in the commercial
13 sector. This bill allows funding for small busi-
14 nesses which do not have their own technical energy
15 expertise to develop cost-effective conservation
16 projects.

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