

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1528

H.P. 1125 House of Representatives, May 11, 1987
Submitted by the Department of Defense and Veterans'
Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative BICKFORD of Jay.
Cosponsored by Representatives GWADOSKY of Fairfield,
FARNUM of South Berwick and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Improve the State's Capability to
Respond to a Hazardous Materials
Incident.

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

7 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appro-
8 priated from the General Fund to carry out the pur-
9 poses of this Act.

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1987-88

1988-89

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DEFENSE AND VETERANS'
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

1 Bureau of Civil Emer-
2 gency Preparedness

3	Position	(7)	(7)
4	Personal Services	\$236,000	\$236,000

5 Funds to be used
6 for one additional
7 training officer
8 to coordinate all
9 hazardous material
10 training at the
11 state level for
12 county and local
13 community person-
14 nel; 5 additional
15 employees to pro-
16 vide centralized
17 radio dispatch for
18 state response;
19 and one additional
20 data entry spe-
21 cialist to compile
22 and update re-
23 source and hazard-
24 ous materials data
25 and the appropri-
26 ate safety proce-
27 dures and response
28 methods in connec-
29 tion with hazard-
30 ous materials.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Public Law 1985, chapter 494, mandated that the
3 Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, the Bureau of
4 Health and the Department of Environmental Protection
5 "shall jointly conduct a study of the State's ability
6 to respond to accidental releases of hazardous mate-
7 rial due to fires, spills, natural disasters and oth-
8 er unforeseen events." This bill is submitted in ac-
9 cordance with the findings of a temporary advisory
10 group composed of representatives from the Department
11 of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation,
12 the Maine State Council of Uniform Firefighters, the
13 Maine State Fire Chiefs Association, the Legislature,
14 municipal governments and other members as appropri-
15 ate. The final report was submitted to the Legisla-
16 ture on January 1, 1987, in accordance with a legis-
17 lative directive. This bill relates to the recom-
18 mended actions set forth in the final report. The
19 Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness should be au-
20 thorized to employ one training officer, 5 dispatch
21 personnel and one data entry specialist. It is an-
22 ticipated that these 7 additional personnel will re-
23 quire additional appropriations of \$236,000 per year.
24 This cost may be reduced if matching funds are avail-
25 able from the Federal Government. It is assumed that
26 other state agencies will also submit legislation in
27 accordance with the findings of the joint study.

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