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(Emergency)
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S.P. 592

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Reported by Senator Andrews of Cumberland for the Committee on Economic Development and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original Bill sponsored by President Pray of Penobscot. Cosponsored by: Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake, Senator Dutremble of York, Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Provide Assistance to Development**
2 **Organizations in Labor Market Areas**
3 **Facing Sudden and Severe Economic**
4 **Dislocation.**
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6 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
7 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
8 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

9 Whereas, it is state policy to address the prob-
10 lems faced by labor market areas within the State
11 that are facing sudden and severe economic disloca-
12 tion as a result of major plant closings or other in-
13 dustrial restructuring; and

1 Whereas, such areas are already facing severe
2 strain on limited municipal budgets, making direct
3 support of local development corporations a difficult
4 burden; and

5 Whereas, the establishment of a local economic
6 development corporation for the purpose of attracting
7 new jobs and investment to an area and diversifying
8 an area's economy is a vital step in responding to
9 sudden and severe economic dislocation conditions;
10 and

11 Whereas, many areas of the State are facing plant
12 closings and major work force reductions in the imme-
13 diate future; and

14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
15 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
16 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
17 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
18 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
19 therefore,

20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1507, first ¶, as amended by PL
23 1985, c. 814, Pt. E, §1, is further amended to read:

24 The Governor may allocate from the State Contingent
25 Account amounts not to exceed in total the sum
26 of \$600,000 in any fiscal year, except that in the
27 fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal
28 year thereafter the amount shall not exceed \$675,000.
29 The Governor may allocate from such account amounts
30 not to exceed in total the sum of \$300,000 in any
31 fiscal year in accordance with the purposes specified
32 in subsections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4-A and an amount not
33 to exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year, except that in
34 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, the amount
35 shall not exceed \$325,000 in accordance with the pur-
36 poses specified in subsection 5-A and an amount not
37 to exceed \$75,000 in any fiscal year in accordance
38 with the purpose of subsection 5-B.

39 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1507, sub-§5-B is enacted to
40 read:

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This new draft broadens the type of groups that
 3 may participate in the allocation of funds by the
 4 Governor to communities or areas which have or are
 5 threatened with a severe and sudden economic disloca-
 6 tion. It also makes corrections in the funding and
 7 procedural aspects of the bill. It deletes the ap-
 8 propriation, since the transfer of \$75,000 for the
 9 fiscal year 1987-88 may take place prior to the close
 10 of this fiscal year. The new draft has an emergency
 11 clause.

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