

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2268

H.P. 1658 House of Representatives, February 16, 1988
Reported by Representative MELENDY from the Committee on
Economic Development. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed. Approved by the Legislative Council on June 19, 1987.
Reference to the Committee on Economic Development
suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 19.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Enhance the Ability of the State to**
2 **Respond to the Informational Needs of Maine**
3 **Businesses.**
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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
8 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
9 purposes of this Act.

1988-89

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2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
3 DEPARTMENT OF

4 Office of Business Development

5	Positions	(2)
6	Personal Services	\$57,940
7	All Other	7,000
8	Capital Expenditures	1,000

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10 TOTAL \$65,940

11 The money from this
12 appropriation shall be
13 used to fund 2 new
14 Business Information
15 Specialist positions
16 in the Business
17 Assistance Referral
18 and Facilitation
19 Program of the Office
20 of Business
21 Development. In
22 addition, the money
23 shall be used to
24 advertise the program
25 throughout the State
26 in major newspapers of
27 the State.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This bill is the product of a study conducted by
30 the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
31 Government with respect to regional economies of the
32 State. Testimony presented to the committee at
33 hearings conducted throughout the State indicated that
34 resources available to the "Business Answers" program
35 are very inadequate. These business people and
36 economic development officials have urged the Joint
37 Standing Committee on Economic Development to provide
38 more resources to this program.

1 As a result of the popularity of and demand for
2 this program, the Department of Community and Economic
3 Development has stopped advertising the program. Many
4 businesses and economic development people are unaware
5 of the department's central clearinghouse of
6 information for businesses.

7 This bill provides funds to support 2 new
8 positions in the "Business Answers" program and to
9 advertise this program in major newspapers throughout
10 the State.

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