

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1872                      House of Representatives, March 22, 1988  
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative MCGOWAN of Canaan and  
Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1            **AN ACT Making Additional Allocations for the**  
2            **Expenditure of Funds Received by the State as a**  
3            **Result of a Federal Court Order in the**  
4            **Stripper Well Overcharge Case.**  
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6            **Emergency preamble.**            Whereas, Acts of the  
7            Legislature do not become effective until 90 days  
8            after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

9            Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate

1 until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

2       Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident  
3 to the operation of certain state departments will  
4 become due and payable immediately; and

5       Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these  
6 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the  
7 Constitution of Maine and require the following  
8 legislation as immediately necessary for the  
9 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;  
10 now, therefore,

11 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
12 follows:

13       Sec. 1. Allocation.       The following funds are  
14 allocated from the Stripper Well Fund, as established  
15 in Public Law 1987, chapter 533, for the 2 fiscal  
16 years ending June 30, 1989, to the following  
17 departments:

18	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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19	<u>ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT</u>	
20	<u>OF</u>	

21	Bureau of Public	
22	Improvements	

23	Capital Construction,	
24	Repair and Improvements	
25	Program	

26	All Other	\$1,000,000
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27	Provides funds to	
28	be used for those	
29	projects concerning	
30	energy conservation	
31	and weatherization	
32	repairs to state	
33	buildings that are	
34	the highest	

1 priority on the  
 2 list of projects  
 3 submitted to the  
 4 Joint Standing  
 5 Committee on  
 6 Appropriations and  
 7 Financial Affairs.  
 8 All projects  
 9 supported with  
 10 these funds must  
 11 demonstrate a  
 12 payback period of 6  
 13 years or less at  
 14 current fuel prices.

15 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
 16 TOTAL

\$1,000,000

17 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
 18 DEPARTMENT OF

19 Bureau of Oil and  
 20 Hazardous Materials  
 21 Control

22 Positions (2) (2)  
 23 Personal Services (\$ 60,000) (\$ 60,000)  
 24

25 Deallocates funds  
 26 authorized by  
 27 Public Law 1987,  
 28 chapter 533,  
 29 section 3, but not  
 30 approved by the  
 31 Federal Department  
 32 of Energy.

33 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
 34 PROTECTION

35 TOTAL (\$ 60,000) (\$ 60,000)

36 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

37 Office of Energy Resources  
 38 Licensed Adult Care

39 Boarding Homes  
 40 Demonstration Program

41 All Other \$ 800,000

42 Provides funds for

1 a weatherization  
2 demonstration  
3 program for homes  
4 which house  
5 low-income public  
6 pay clients.  
7 Individual grants  
8 not to exceed \$500  
9 per qualifying  
10 resident in each  
11 facility.

12 Division of Community  
13 Services

14 Low-Income Home Energy  
15 Assistance Program

16 All Other 1,800,000

17 Provides funds to  
18 be used in  
19 accordance with the  
20 federal "Home  
21 Energy Assistance  
22 Act of 1981" which  
23 provides assistance  
24 for eligible  
25 low-income  
26 households to  
27 offset the rising  
28 costs of home  
29 energy that are  
30 excessive in  
31 relation to  
32 household income.

33 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

34 TOTAL

\$2,600,000

35 FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

36 Commercial and Governmental  
37 Underground Tank Removal  
38 and Replacement Program

1	All Other	(\$1,000,000)
2	Deallocates funds	
3	authorized by	
4	Public Law 1987,	
5	chapter 533,	
6	section 3, but not	
7	approved by the	
8	Federal Department	
9	of Energy.	
10	Downtown Energy	
11	Conservation Program	
12	All Other	\$ 750,000
13	Provides	
14	low-interest energy	
15	conservation loans	
16	for improvements to	
17	downtown	
18	multistoried	
19	buildings housing	
20	commercial	
21	operations and	
22	residential housing	
23	units. Priority	
24	will be given to	
25	projects in	
26	opportunity zones,	
27	as designated by	
28	the Department of	
29	Economic and	
30	Community	
31	Development.	
32	Agricultural Commodities	
33	Storage	
34	Energy Conservation	
35	Program	
36	All Other	250,000
37	Provides funds for	
38	interest subsidies	

1	to agricultural		
2	businesses for		
3	energy conservation		
4	in crop storage		
5	facilities.		
6	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
7	TOTAL	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
8	<u>MAINE STATE HOUSING</u>		
9	<u>AUTHORITY</u>		
10	Residential Underground		
11	Tank Removal and		
12	Replacement Program		
13	All Other	(\$2,500,000)	
14	Deallocates funds		
15	authorized by		
16	Public Law 1987,		
17	chapter 533,		
18	section 3, but not		
19	approved by the		
20	Federal Department		
21	of Energy.		
22	MAINE STATE HOUSING		
23	AUTHORITY		
24	TOTAL	<u>(\$2,500,000)</u>	
25	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>		
26	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
27	Bureau of Maine's		
28	Elderly		
29	Elder Ride Share Pilot		
30	Program		
31	All Other	(\$ 50,000)	
32	Deallocates funds		
33	authorized by		
34	Public Law 1987,		
35	chapter 533,		
36	section 3, but not		
37	approved by the		
38	Federal Department		
39	of Energy.		

1 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
2 TOTAL (\$ 50,000)

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4 TOTAL ALLOCATION (\$3,610,000) \$4,540,000

5 Sec. 2. Allowance for state administration  
6 purposes. An allowance for the use of funds allotted  
7 in this Act, not to exceed 5% of the funds allocated to  
8 each agency, shall be available to each of the agencies  
9 funded under this Act.

10 Sec. 3. Unexpended balances carried forward. Any  
11 unexpended balances of allocations made from this fund  
12 on June 30, 1989, shall not lapse, but shall be carried  
13 forward until the purposes of this Act have been  
14 accomplished. The Governor, through the Office of  
15 Energy Resources, shall report annually to the  
16 Legislature, beginning on December 1, 1988, as to the  
17 progress on the expenditures of funds and to  
18 recommendations for the reallocation of funds.

19 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in  
20 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The purpose of this bill is to deallocate \$3,670,000  
23 in funds from programs which were not approved by the  
24 Federal Department of Energy and to make further  
25 allocations from the Stripper Well Fund.

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