

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 152

House of Representatives, February 15, 1989

Submitted by the Office of Energy Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock, Representative HIGGINS of
Scarborough and Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act Making Allocations for the Expenditure of Funds Received by
the State as a Result of Federal Court Orders in the Stripper Well
Overcharge Case Involving the Shell Oil Company.**

(EMERGENCY)



1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3 as emergencies; and

5 **Whereas,** the 90-day period will not terminate until after
6 the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

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8 **Whereas,** certain obligations and expenses incident to the
9 operation of certain state departments will become due and
10 payable immediately; and

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12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
13 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
15 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore,

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18 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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20 **Sec. 1. Allowance for state administrative purposes.** An allowance
21 for the use of funds allotted in this Act, not to exceed 5% of
22 the funds allocated to each program, shall be available under
23 this Act.

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25 **Sec. 2. Unexpended balances carried forward.** Any unexpended
26 balances of allocations made from this fund on June 30, 1990
27 shall not lapse, but shall carry through June 30, 1991 to be used
28 for the same purposes. The Governor, through the Office of
29 Energy Resources, shall report annually to the Legislature,
30 beginning on December 1, 1989, the progress on the expenditures
31 of funds and recommendations for the reallocation of funds.

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33 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
34 Stripper Well Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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38 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

39 **Office of Energy Resources**

40 **Energy Extension Service**

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All Other	\$175,000	\$175,000
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45 Provides funds to continue
46 the Energy Extension Service
47 Outreach Program for 2 years,
48 by offering direct assistance
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50 homeowners and organizations
51 in methods and practices of
52 energy conservation and
53 efficiency.

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Maine Energy Education Project

All Other \$25,000 \$25,000

Provides funds to support and continue the Maine Energy Education Program, MEEP, for 2 years, by offering energy education support and assistance through partnerships with public and private enterprises and the educational community.

Energy Standards

All Other \$75,000 \$75,000

Provides funds for implementing and administering mandatory energy efficiency standards as enacted by Public Law 1987, chapter 818.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TOTAL**

\$275,000 \$275,000

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$550,000 in funds received from the Shell Oil Company under the Stripper Well Overcharge Case settlement agreement.