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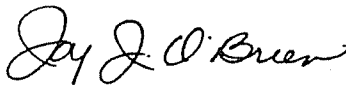
No. 1714

S.P. 618

In Senate, May 31, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Representative DEXTER of Kingfield and Representative CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Include Tourism Information Center Employees under the Civil Service Law.

(After Deadline)



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

3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13092, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 534,
Pt. A, §§17 and 19, is amended to read:

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6. ~~Staff information center. Staff-or-cause-to-be-staffed~~
7 Employ, subject to the Civil Service Law, personnel to assist the
8 office in carrying out its functions at any information center
9 constructed, owned, leased, acquired or operated by the State;

11 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
12 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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14 1990-91

15 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,**
16 **DEPARTMENT OF**

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18 **Office of Tourism**

21	Positions - Legislative Count	(19.0)
22	Personal Services	\$493,913
23	All Other	287,139
24	Capital Expenditures	7,560
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26	TOTAL	\$788,612

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28 Provides funds for the Office
29 of Tourism to perform the
30 services formerly provided by
31 holders of state contracts.
32 Positions include the
33 permanent staffing of the
34 Department of Transportation
35 tourism information centers
36 by 16 full-time state
37 employees and 44 seasonal and
38 part-time state employees.

39 **Office of Tourism**

41	All Other	(\$695,750)
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43	Deappropriates funds budgeted	
44	for a contract with the Maine	
45	Publicity Bureau.	

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47 **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY**
48 **DEVELOPMENT**
49 **TOTAL**

\$92,862

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Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1990.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will have the following effect on revenues:

	1990-91
General Fund	\$105,000

The Office of Tourism within the Department of Economic and Community Development will receive a net increase of General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 1990-91 of \$92,862. Additional General Fund revenues of \$105,000 are estimated to be collected from the sale of maps, literature, computer printouts and miscellaneous transportation fees. This will result in a net increase of General Fund revenue of \$12,138 in fiscal year 1990-91.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Transportation owns 4 tourism information centers in Kittery, Yarmouth, Calais and Houlton. The staffing of these centers is currently provided by a private contractor through the State's contract-bidding process, renegotiated on an annual basis. In fiscal year 1988-89, \$575,000 was appropriated, the majority to pay for information center personnel and the rest for mailroom services and postage to send out tourism literature. For a contract extension in Part I of the proposed fiscal year 1989-90 budget, \$632,500 is budgeted and \$695,750 is proposed for fiscal year 1990-91.

To ensure the long-term permanent staffing of the 4 Department of Transportation tourism information centers, and to ensure that the State has the long-term capability to respond through the mail to tourism inquiries, this bill creates 16 full-time and 44 seasonal and part-time state employee positions under the Department of Economic and Community Development, Division of Tourism, beginning July 1, 1990. The 16 full-time positions include: one information manager, 9 full-time tourism information specialists at the State's 4 tourism information centers, 5 data entry, telephone and postal clerks and one full-time stockroom clerk and driver.

Total appropriations for this bill for fiscal year 1990-91 is \$788,612, with \$105,000 being returned to the General Fund through the sale of maps, literature, mailing labels and nominal

1 brochure transportation charges. The net expenditure of \$683,612
3 represents a reduction in funds needed, and a significant
5 increase in services provided, and will be a major step toward
fulfilling the State's long-term responsibilities to Maine's
largest industry.