

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 21, 1989

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Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative NADEAU of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Representative ROLDE of York and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Provide Emergency Assistance and Permanent Housing for
the Homeless.

(EMERGENCY)



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

Whereas, the problem of homelessness is increasing in the
State; and

Whereas, funding was appropriated during the First Special
Session of the 114th Legislature to provide emergency assistance
to the homeless during the first year of the biennium; and

Whereas, additional funding must be appropriated to ensure
that these services are continued during the 2nd year of the
biennium; and

Whereas, programs to provide transitional and permanent
housing are needed immediately to provide more comprehensive
assistance to the homeless; and

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

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

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

1990-91

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Division of Community Services

All Other	\$350,000
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Provides funds to the
Community Action Program
(CAP) agencies for temporary
assistance for people who
need shelter or who are in
danger of becoming homeless
through eviction. Assistance
may include security
deposits, rent arrearages,
forward rent payments or
other expenses necessary to
prevent eviction or to
establish a person in a
rental.

2	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
	TOTAL	<u>\$350,000</u>
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	MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY	
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	Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund	
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	All Other	\$650,000
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	Provides funds to reimburse	
12	private, nonprofit corporate	
	sponsors of facilities that	
14	provide emergency housing for	
	the homeless. The funds must	
16	be used to finance the	
	operating budgets of the	
18	facilities and to allow the	
	sponsors to add necessary	
20	services.	
22	Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund	
24		
	All Other	\$1,000,000
26		
	Provides funds for the	
28	development and operation of	
	transitional housing programs	
30	in accordance with the Maine	
	Revised Statutes, Title 30-A,	
32	chapter 202, subchapter III.	
	Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund	
34		
	All Other	\$1,000,000
36		
	Provides funds to nonprofit	
38	corporations to assist them	
	in developing permanent	
40	housing for the homeless and	
	for other lower income	
42	households, in accordance	
	with the Maine Revised	
44	Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter	
	202, subchapter III.	
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	MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY	
48	TOTAL	<u>\$2,650,000</u>
50	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,000,000
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2 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10 The purpose of this bill is to provide funding to continue
assistance and services that were initiated during the First
12 Special Session of the 114th Legislature, and to implement
initiatives authorized by the Affordable Housing Partnership Act
of 1989. The bill appropriates funding to the Division of
14 Community Services for temporary housing and provides funding to
the Maine State Housing Authority for the support of emergency
16 shelters. In addition, the bill appropriates funds for
transitional housing programs, and for the development of
18 permanent housing for the homeless and other low-income
households.
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