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Reported by Representative CHONKO from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to H.P. 1678 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Provide Emergency Fuel Assistance.

(EMERGENCY)



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

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6 Whereas, supplemental funds are needed to provide emergency
fuel assistance to Maine residents in this heating season; and

8 Whereas, supplemental funds are also needed to provide
household heating system improvements; and

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12 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
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Stripper Well Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

22 **1989-90**

24 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

26 **Division of Community Services**

28 **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

30 All Other \$1,300,000

32 Provides funds to continue the Emergency
Crisis Intervention Program, or ECIP, to
34 assist low-income persons with emergency
fuel purchases consistent with regulations
36 of the federal Low-Income Heating Assistance
Program.

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40 **Division of Community Services**

42 **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

44 All Other \$400,000

46 Provides funds to be used in the Central
Heating Improvement Program, or CHIP, for
48 grants to repair or replace dangerous,

2 inefficient or inoperative heating systems
for eligible low-income households.

4 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**
6 **TOTAL**

\$1,700,000

8 **Sec. 2. Allowance for state administrative purposes.** An allowance
for the use of funds allotted in this Act, not to exceed 5% of
the funds allocated to each program, is available under this Act.

10 **Sec. 3. Unexpended balances carried forward.** Any unexpended
12 balances of allocations made in this Act may not lapse on June
30, 1990, but must be carried forward to be used to increase
14 benefit levels in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
in fiscal year 1990-91.

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
18 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill allocates \$1,700,000 in fiscal year 1989-90 in new
24 Stripper Well Fund dollars as follows:

26 1. One million, three hundred thousand dollars to provide
additional funds for emergency fuel assistance; and

28 2. Four hundred thousand dollars to repair or replace
30 low-income household heating systems.

32 This bill also provides that any unexpended balances from
this fiscal year be carried forward to increase Low-Income Home
34 Energy Assistance Program benefit levels in fiscal year 1990-91.