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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Concerning Deafness.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, this Act appropriates funds for fiscal 1991-92, which begins before this Act would otherwise take effect; and 8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately 12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, 14 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 16 Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from 18 the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act: 100 miles 20 1991-92 1992-93 22 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF 24 Bureau of Rehabilitation -Vocational Rehabilitation 26 All Other \$40,214 \$40,214 28 Provides funds to the Maine 30 Center on Deafness for ongoing programs and services 32 for the deaf and hard of hearing. 34 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the 36 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved. 38 STATEMENT OF FACT 40 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation to the Maine 42 Center on Deafness for ongoing agency services, such as education and consultation, community involvement, outreach and support services and coordination and linkage services. The Maine Center 44 on Deafness serves as a statewide resource on deafness and its associated needs to other agencies, deaf and hard of hearing 46 children and adults, their families and the general public. 48