

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 428

In Senate, March 18, 1991

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York

Cosponsored by Representative DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford and Representative SHELTRA of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**Resolve, to Require Assistance for Economic and Community
Development Activities.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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

Whereas, a large manufacturing plant located in the City of
Biddeford is experiencing grave financial difficulty due to
current economic conditions; and

Whereas, immediate state technical assistance and advice may
be crucial in helping to avoid a permanent closure of this plant
and others and resulting layoffs and unemployment insurance
claims; 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

**Sec. 1. Assistance; Department of Economic and Community
Development. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and
Community Development shall work with and provide technical
assistance, research, advice and other resources to any group
conducting a preliminary assessment of the advisability of a
comprehensive study that explores the feasibility of having a
company or group, including the present work force, purchase any
manufacturing plant or company that is in danger of closure and
continuing it in operation and shall assist and cooperate in the
development of the preliminary assessment. In its work the
department shall examine the impact that a permanent closure of
the manufacturing plant or company or a substantial layoff of its
work force would have on the municipality; and be it further

Sec. 2. Preliminary assessment. Resolved: That the department
shall use available federal funds to conduct the preliminary
assessment. If federal funds are not available, the Governor is
authorized, notwithstanding, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
section 1507, to allocate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 prior
to June 30, 1991 from the State Contingent Account to carry out
the purposes of this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve instructs the Department of Economic and
Community Development to provide technical assistance and other
resources to groups conducting preliminary assessments of means
to keep manufacturing plants or companies in operation.