

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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H.P. 1295

House of Representatives, May 16, 1991

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

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.  
Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act Making Additional Allocations for the Expenditure of Funds  
Received by the State as a Result of the Federal Court Order in the  
Stripper Well Oil Overcharge Case and the Exxon Oil Overcharge Case.**

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(EMERGENCY)

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

Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of certain state departments will become due and payable immediately; 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:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Stripper Well Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF			
Bureau of Public Improvements			
Energy Conservation Bond Program			
All Other		\$100,000	\$100,000
Provides funds for engineering and clerical positions within the Bureau of Public Improvements to oversee initiation and implementation of a program to use revenue bonds to fund capital projects in state buildings and facilities to reduce energy use and energy-related expenses. Funds unspent as of June 30,			

2	1993 do not carry			
	forward but revert to			
4	the Stripper Well Fund.			
6	<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>			
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
8	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
10	<b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY</b>			
	<b>DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF</b>			
12	<b>Maine Energy Education Project</b>			
14	All Other		\$75,000	\$75,000
16	Provides funds to			
18	support full-time staff			
20	and support for the			
	Maine Energy Education			
	Project for a period of			
	2 years.			
22	All Other	(\$44,963)		
24	Deallocates remaining			
26	unobligated balance			
28	from the Maine School			
30	and Hospital			
	Conservation Program			
	established by Private			
	and Special Law 1987,			
	chapter 119.			
34	All Other	(328,000)		
36	Deallocates remaining			
38	unobligated balance			
40	from the Boarding Homes			
	Demonstration Program			
	established by Private			
	and Special Law 1987,			
	chapter 119.			
44	All Other	(50,000)		
46	Deallocates remaining			
48	unobligated balance			
	from the Weatherization			
	Rebate Program			
	established by Public			
	Law 1987, chapter 533.			
52				

2 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
 2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
 4 TOTAL (\$422,963) \$75,000 \$75,000

6 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

8 State Planning Office

10 Energy Rated Homes Program

12 All Other \$50,000

14 Provides funds to  
 14 supplement activities  
 16 of a program  
 16 established to provide  
 18 market-based incentives  
 18 for consumer  
 20 investments in  
 20 conservation and  
 22 increased energy  
 22 efficiency.

24 All Other 9,000

26 Reallocates available  
 26 balance to be used for  
 28 the electric power  
 28 needs study described  
 30 in Public Law 1987,  
 30 chapter 533, section 3.

32 All Other 50,000

34 Provides funds to  
 36 support activities of a  
 36 commission on electric  
 38 utilities and  
 38 long-range energy  
 40 production planning.

42 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
 42 TOTAL \$-0- \$109,000 \$-0-

44 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

46 Bureau of Income Maintenance

48 General Assistance Energy  
 50 Payments

52 All Other \$1,250,000

2	Provides funds for			
	energy assistance			
4	payments under the			
	General Assistance			
6	program.			
8	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN</b>			
	<b>SERVICES</b>			
10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$1,250,000</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
12	<b>MAINE STATE HOUSING</b>			
	<b>AUTHORITY</b>			
14	<b>Maine State Housing Authority</b>			
16				
	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000	
18				
	Provides funds to			
20	supplement low-income			
	weatherization programs			
22	to improve the energy			
	efficiency of eligible			
24	low-income housing			
	units.			
26				
	<b>MAINE STATE HOUSING</b>			
28	<b>AUTHORITY</b>			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
30				
	<b>MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE</b>			
32	<b>SYSTEM</b>			
34	<b>Southern Maine Technical College</b>			
36	<b>Weatherization and Energy</b>			
	<b>Conservation Training and</b>			
38	<b>Demonstration Center</b>			
40				
	All Other		\$100,000	\$100,000
42				
	Provides funds to			
44	establish a			
	weatherization and			
46	energy conservation			
	training center that			
48	would provide training			
	initiatives and			
50	technical assistance to			
	existing weatherization			
52	programs and builders			
	throughout the State.			

2 Funds unspent as of  
 3 June 30, 1993 will not  
 4 carry forward but will  
 5 revert to the Stripper  
 6 Well Fund.

7 MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
 8 SYSTEM  
 9 TOTAL                                   
 10 \$-0- \$100,000 \$100,000

11 TRANSPORTATION,  
 12 DEPARTMENT OF

13 Transportation Demand Management  
 14 Demonstration Project

15 All Other \$100,000 \$100,000

16  
 17 Provides funds to  
 18 develop and implement  
 19 transportation demand  
 20 management  
 21 demonstration  
 22 strategies designed to  
 23 reduce transportation  
 24 fuel use by lowering  
 25 the demand placed on  
 26 transportation systems.  
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 29 DEPARTMENT OF  
 30 TRANSPORTATION  
 31 TOTAL                                   
 32 \$-0- \$100,000 \$100,000

33 PART A  
 34 TOTAL ALLOCATIONS                                   
 35 \$77,037 \$2,234,000 \$375,000

36 Sec. A-2. Allowance for state administrative purposes. An  
 37 allowance for the use of funds allotted in this Part, not to  
 38 exceed 5% of the funds allocated to each program, is available  
 39 for state administrative purposes under this Part.

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 41 Sec. A-3. Unexpended balances carried forward. Except where  
 42 noted, any unexpended balances of allocations made from this fund  
 43 on June 30, 1991 do not lapse, but carry through June 30, 1993 to  
 44 be used for the same purposes.  
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 47 PART B

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 49 Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Exxon  
 50 Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.  
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1990-91

1991-92

1992-93

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**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

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**Community-based Demonstration  
Weatherization**

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All Other (\$141,629)

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Deallocates remaining  
balance from the  
Community-based  
Demonstration  
Weatherization Program  
established by Public  
Law 1985, chapter 818.

**Furnace Service Rebate**

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All Other (211,594)

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Deallocates remaining  
unobligated balance  
from the Furnace  
Service Rebate program  
established by Public  
Law 1985, chapter 818.

**Energy Extension Services**

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All Other \$250,000

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Provides funds to  
continue the Energy  
Extension Service  
Outreach Program for  
one year to offer  
direct assistance to  
small businesses,  
homeowners and  
organizations in  
methods and practices  
of energy conservation  
and efficiency.

**High Efficiency Lighting Rebate**

48

All Other (79,548)

50

52

Deallocates remaining  
unobligated balance



2 from the High  
Efficiency Lighting  
4 Rebate program  
established by Public  
6 Law 1985, chapter 818.

8 **Weatherize Homes in Maine (WHIME)**

10 All Other 150,000

12 Provides funding for  
one year to continue  
14 Weatherize Homes in  
Maine classes sponsored  
by the Energy Extension  
16 Service. Each  
participant will  
18 receive a  
weatherization  
20 materials voucher for  
\$50.

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24 **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
26 **TOTAL**

(\$432,771)

\$400,000

\$-0-

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

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill allocates new oil overcharge funds received as a  
36 result of the Stripper Well Overcharge case settlement agreement  
and reallocates unspent balances within the Stripper Well Fund  
38 and the Exxon Fund.