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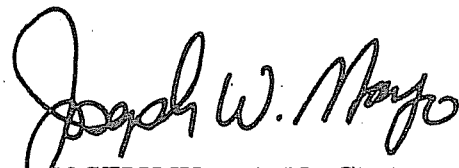
H.P. 779

House of Representatives, March 29, 1993

**An Act to Establish a Mechanism for Ensuring Adequate Preservation  
and Maintenance of the State House.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GWADOSKY of Fairfield, PARADIS of Augusta,  
ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§12-A is enacted to read:

6 12-A. Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and  
8 Maintenance. To administer the Reserve Fund for State House  
10 Preservation and Maintenance, established and maintained as  
12 provided in this section. The State Controller, at the close of  
14 each fiscal year and at the request of the Legislative Council,  
16 shall transfer from unexpended balances of General Fund  
18 appropriations to the Legislature, to the Reserve Fund for State  
20 House Preservation and Maintenance, available amounts up to  
22 \$250,000 a year until a maximum of \$1,500,000 is achieved. The  
24 Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance may  
26 also receive and accept allocations, appropriations, grants and  
contributions of money to be held, used or applied to carry out  
this subsection, subject to the conditions upon which these  
allocations, appropriations, grants and contributions are made.  
Expenditures from the Reserve Fund for State House Preservation  
and Maintenance are subject to legislative allocation and may be  
made only for major repairs and renovations to the State House  
and upon a majority vote of the Legislative Council. Funds  
allocated or appropriated to the Reserve Fund for State House  
Preservation and Maintenance may not lapse but must be carried  
forward;

28 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §905, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt. EE,  
§1, is amended to read:

30 **§905. Contributions**

32 The commission may accept gifts, bequests and federal funds  
34 for purposes consistent with the objectives of this chapter.  
These gifts, bequests and federal funds shall must be used solely  
36 to carry out the purposes for which they were made. Gifts may  
include furnishings or other artifacts. Contributions received  
38 by the commission for the purpose of major repairs or renovations  
40 to the State House may be transferred to the Reserve Fund for  
State House Preservation and Maintenance established in section  
162, subsection 12-A.

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44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This bill establishes the Reserve Fund for State House  
48 Preservation and Maintenance as a mechanism to fund major repairs  
or renovations to the State House. The funding for the fund will  
50 come from unexpended legislative General Fund appropriations or  
from appropriations, allocations, grants or contributions and may

2 be expended only with the approval of the majority of the  
3 Legislative Council. The bill also allows the State Capitol  
4 Commission to transfer to the Reserve Fund for State House  
5 Preservation and Maintenance any contributions made to the  
6 commission for major repairs or renovations to the State House.