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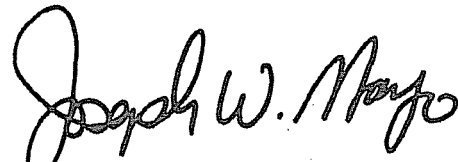
H.P. 988

House of Representatives, April 22, 1993

An Act Related to Conferring Degrees by Thomas College.

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator: BUSTIN of Kennebec.

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, authority of this Legislature is required for any
institution of higher education to confer academic, educational,
literary or professional degrees upon recommendation of the State
Board of Education; and

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10 Whereas, Thomas College requests approval to grant the
additional degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science;
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14 Whereas, this change will more accurately identify the
nature of the current curricula and does not reflect a change in
the purpose or content of the current programs; and

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18 Whereas, it is necessary to permit these additional degree
designations in order to allow 1993 graduates to have the proper
degree designations on their diplomas; and

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22 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,

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

30 **Sec. 1. Degrees.** In addition to the rights, privileges and
powers granted to Thomas College by the Revised Statutes of 1954,
chapter 54; the Private and Special Laws of 1959, chapter 117;
the Private and Special Laws of 1963, chapter 72; the Private and
Special Laws of 1969, chapter 61; the Private and Special Laws of
1973, chapter 203; the Private and Special Laws of 1975, chapter
134; and the Private and Special Laws of 1983, chapter 65, Thomas
College, by appropriate action of its trustees, may confer, upon
all who satisfactorily complete such courses of study as the
trustees may prescribe, the degrees of Bachelor of Science and
Master of Science.

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

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46 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This bill allows Thomas College to confer the degrees of
Bachelor of Science and Master of Science.