

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 425

In Senate, March 4, 1997

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### An Act to Fund Regional Tourism Programs.

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 MILLS of Somerset.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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	1997-98	1998-99
8 <b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY</b>		
10 <b>DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
12 <b>Office of Tourism</b>		
14 All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
16 Appropriates funds to be used equally by the 8 tourism 18 regions to promote local tourism.		

20 **Sec. 2. Designate entity.** The Department of Economic and  
22 Community Development shall distribute \$50,000 to an entity in  
each of the 8 tourism regions that qualifies to promote local  
24 tourism in that region. The department may consult with the  
Office of Tourism in designating the entity that qualifies to  
26 promote tourism in each region.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill provides an appropriation to be used by the 8  
32 tourism regions to promote local tourism. The bill also directs  
the Department of Economic and Community Development with  
34 assistance from the Office of Tourism to select an appropriate  
entity to utilize the money for the promotion of tourism.