

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-1997

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No. 1901

S.P. 677

In Senate, June 20, 1997

**An Act to Extend the Authorization for Federally Funded Positions to
Establish a Military Rebuild Site at the Former Loring Air Force Base.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans 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 KIEFFER of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representative: KERR of Old
Orchard Beach.

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

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Sec. 1. Position authorization. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1583-A, the Commissioner of Defense and Veterans' Services is authorized to establish by financial order, upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval by the Governor, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999, the 41 positions authorized in Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 71. It is the intent of the Legislature that these positions terminate on June 30, 1999.

FISCAL NOTE

The Maine National Guard has applied for a federal grant through the United States Department of Defense that would fully fund a depot-level military rebuild site at the former Loring Air Force Base.

This bill authorizes the establishment, by financial order, of 41 positions authorized pursuant to Private and Special Laws of 1995, chapter 71 to carry out the Loring Rebuild Facility program. These positions are required to terminate on June 30, 1999. These positions and related program expenses are estimated to be approximately \$2,000,000 on an annual basis.

In the event that this federal grant is approved, the department may spend these federal funds to fund these positions and related program expenses for up to 12 months without legislative allocation. After that period, a legislative allocation will be required to continue that spending authority.

SUMMARY

This bill extends the authorization for federally funded positions to establish a military rebuild site at the former Loring Air Force Base.