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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1925

S.P. 690

In Senate, December 8, 1997

**An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Public Utilities
Commission Regulatory Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998.**

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 8, 1997. Referred to the Committee
on Utilities and Energy and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.

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 may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the Public Utilities Commission will become due and payable prior to the expiration of the 90-day period; 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:

Sec. 1. Allocation of Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund. The Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund must be allocated as designated in the following schedule.

1997-98

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Regulatory Fund - Public Utilities Commission

Personal Services	(\$250,000)
All Other	619,000

Deallocates salary savings from unfilled positions and increases funding for additional consulting costs related to the implementation of both federal and state legislative requirements involving the electric, telecommunications and gas utility industries.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
TOTAL

\$369,000

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

SUMMARY

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This bill deallocates salary savings from unfilled positions and increases funding for additional consulting costs related to the implementation of both federal and state legislative requirements involving electric, telecommunications and gas utility industries by bringing forward unencumbered balances.