

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998

Legislative Document

No. 1965

S.P. 722

In Senate, January 7, 1998

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Interpreter Service for the Deaf and
Hard of Hearing.**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 TREAT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representatives: JONES of Greenville,
KERR of Old Orchard Beach, THOMPSON of Naples, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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,** recent funding that provided interpretive services
required by state law for those people who are deaf or hard of
hearing and are dealing with state agencies or the judicial
8 system has been depleted well before the end of each fiscal year;
and

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12 **Whereas,** to comply with the requirements of state law it is
necessary to appropriate additional funds for the needed
interpretive services; and

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16 **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
18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

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

	1997-98	1998-99
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28	LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF	
30	Rehabilitation Services	
32	All Other	\$56,400 \$56,400
34	Appropriates funds for hourly	
36	interpreting services,	
38	in-service training for	
40	certain state agencies,	
42	establishment of an emergency	
	response system to access	
	on-call legal interpreters	
	and for administrative	
	purposes.	

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

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SUMMARY

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This bill appropriates funds for hourly interpreting services, in-service training for certain state agencies, establishment of an emergency response system to access on-call legal interpreters and for administrative purposes.