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In Senate, January 14, 1998

An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project.

(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.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.

- **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, the information systems of several state 6 departments and agencies require significant modifications before the year 2000; and
- Whereas, funding to make necessary information system 10 modifications has not been provided; and
- 12 Whereas, as much time as possible is required to make the necessary changes before the end of the year 1999; 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. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98

28 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

- Information Services Contingency
- All Other

\$2,000,000

Allocates funds to create a contingency fund to assist the Bureau of Information Services 36 in solving problems associated with State Government's various information systems on 38 or near January 1, 2000. Authorized uses include software and hardware 40 will replacements, external consulting and staff 42 retention. Unexpended funds must not lapse but carry forward to be used only for these 44 purposes.

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

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to help state departments and agencies solve problems in their information systems that are expected to occur in the year 2000. It appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund in fiscal year 1997-98 to the Bureau of Information Services to create a contingency fund. Authorized uses include software and hardware replacements, external consulting and staff retention.

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