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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 655, L.D. 855, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part ZZZZ the following:

PART AAAAA

Sec. AAAAA-1. 25 MRSA §2403 is enacted to read:

§2403. Thermal Imaging Camera Program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Safety.

B. "Fund" means the Thermal Imaging Camera Fund established in this section.

2. Program established. The commissioner, with the advice of the State Fire Marshal, shall oversee the Thermal Imaging Camera Program to provide low-interest loans for the purchase or to allow the purchase of thermal imaging cameras by local fire-fighting units and local law enforcement agencies. The State Fire Marshal shall determine how many thermal imaging cameras local fire-fighting units and local law enforcement agencies wish to purchase and shall negotiate a bulk purchase price for the total number of the cameras.

2 **3. Fund established.** The Thermal Imaging Camera Fund is
3 established from which the loans authorized under subsection 4
4 are made. The fund receives money from appropriations made by
5 the Legislature and may include money from any other public or
6 private source including repayment of loans. Money deposited in
7 the fund and any earnings on that money remain in the fund to be
8 used for loans pursuant to this section.

10 **4. Loans and purchases authorized.** The commissioner shall
11 make a low-interest loan to a local fire-fighting unit or local
12 law enforcement agency, or the appropriate unit of government
13 with jurisdiction over the unit or agency, to assist in the
14 purchase of a thermal imaging camera or cameras for which the
15 State Fire Marshal negotiated a price in accordance with rules
16 adopted by the commissioner for implementing this section. The
17 commissioner shall also arrange for the direct purchase of a
18 thermal imaging camera by a local fire-fighting unit or local law
19 enforcement agency if no loan is required. Any rules adopted to
20 implement this section are routine technical rules pursuant to
21 the Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

22 **Sec. AAAAA-2. Appropriation.** The following funds are
23 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
24 this Part.

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2001-02

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Thermal Imaging Camera Program

All Other \$5,000

Provides funds to establish the Thermal Imaging Camera Fund, from which loans may be made to local fire-fighting units for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. Thirty days after the effective date of this Part, the State Controller shall transfer these funds to the Thermal Imaging Camera Fund as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2403.

Sec. AAAAA-3. Allocation. The following funds are

allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the
purposes of this Part.

2001-02 2002-03

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Thermal Imaging Camera Fund

All Other \$5,000 \$5,000

Allocates funds from the
Thermal Imaging Camera Fund
to carry out the purposes of
this Part.'


Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the
bill by \$5,000 in fiscal year 2001-02. A balanced budget is
maintained for fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the State Fire Marshal to negotiate a
bulk purchase price for thermal imaging cameras to be purchased
by local fire-fighting units and law enforcement agencies. The
purchase may be furthered by means of a low-interest loan
administered by the Commissioner of Public Safety from the
Thermal Imaging Camera Fund. It also adds appropriation and
allocation sections to the amendment.

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