

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1133

H.P. 861

House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

**An Act to Establish a Subsidy for Maine Performing Artists at Maine Fairs.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA c. 15, sub-c. III is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER III**

**ARTS AT MAINE FAIRS SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

**§431. Arts at Maine Fairs Subsidy Program**

The Maine Arts Commission shall establish the Arts at Maine Fairs Subsidy Program, referred to in this subchapter as the "program," to encourage fairs in the State to feature performing artists from the State by providing a subsidy to fairs that feature performing artists from the State.

**§432. Responsibilities of Maine Arts Commission**

To accomplish the goal of the program, the Maine Arts Commission shall:

1. Artist roster. Provide a roster of performing artists from the State to all fair organizations in the State by September 1st of each year for subsidy applications under subsection 2 for the following fair season;

2. Application. Provide an application form with the performing artists from the state roster under subsection 1 to all fair organizations in the State with notice of application deadline and an explanation of the requirements necessary to receive the subsidy provided under subsection 3 from the Maine Arts Commission. All applications must be reviewed and approved or disapproved by April 15th of each year; and

3. Subsidy. Provide a subsidy of up to 50% of a performing artist's fee for performing or up to \$1,000 to each eligible fair organization by May 15th of each year. A fair may not receive a subsidy for the same artist for 2 consecutive years.

**§433. Responsibilities of state fair applicants**

Any fair in the State receiving a subsidy under the program shall:

1. Advertisement. Advertise and present a performing artist from this State as a single attraction sponsored by the Maine Arts Commission; and

2. Accommodations. Provide adequate accommodations to a performing artist from this State, including a stage and dressing area, full payment of the performing artist's fee prior to performance and a free marketing location on the fairgrounds.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill directs the Maine Arts Commission to establish the Arts at Maine Fairs Subsidy Program to encourage fairs to feature Maine performing artists.