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FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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No. 1295

H.P. 971

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

An Act to Provide Funding for Legal Services Related to Domestic Abuse.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Speaker SAXL of Portland.
Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COLWELL of Gardiner, JONES of Greenville,
SIMPSON of Auburn.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, federal funding for legal services related to domestic abuse has been delayed; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; 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.

2000-01

LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Legal Services for the Elderly

All Other \$100,000

Provides one-time funds for the Legal Services for the Elderly hotline.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

TOTAL \$100,000

PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Pine Tree Legal Assistance

All Other \$120,000

Provides one-time funds to provide interim funding for domestic abuse attorneys needed due to a delay in federal funding.

PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

TOTAL \$120,000

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

**Educational and General Activities,
University of Maine System**

All Other \$30,000

Provides one-time funds to provide interim funding for domestic abuse services provided by the law school's legal clinic needed due to a delay in federal funding.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
TOTAL**

\$30,000

**TOTAL
APPROPRIATIONS**

\$250,000

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

SUMMARY

This bill provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$250,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to provide interim funding for domestic abuse legal services needed due to a delay in federal funding.