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No. 1900

S.P. 698

In Senate, December 17, 2001

An Act to Provide Emergency Funds to the University of Maine System for the Increased Cost of Health Insurance.

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

PAMELA L. CAHILL Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative THOMAS of Orono and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: BLISS of
South Portland, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, MAYO of Bath, PARADIS
of Frenchville, ROSEN of Bucksport.

2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
4	as emergencies; and
6	Whereas, the cost of health insurance has increased dramatically in recent months; and
8	Whereas, the cost to the University of Maine System for providing health insurance to its employees is far exceeding
10	expectations; and
12	Whereas, it is necessary to provide emergency supplemental funding to the University of Maine System to cover this cost; and
14	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
16	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:
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24	Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
26	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
30	Education and General Activities - University of Maine System
32	New Initiative: Provides funding to supplement the increased cost to the University of Maine System of health insurance
34	provided to employees.
36	General Fund 2002-03 All Other \$9,000,000
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10	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
12	SUMMARY
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1 6	This bill appropriates funds to the University of Maine System to cover the increased cost of health insurance provided to the system's employees.