

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2002

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Legislative Document

No. 2093

S.P. 757

In Senate, January 29, 2002

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### An Act to Promote Cultural Tourism and Economic Growth.

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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and  
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, SHOREY of Washington,  
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BAGLEY of Machias, JONES of Greenville,  
MAILHOT of Lewiston, MORRISON of Baileyville.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following  
appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **Miscellaneous Acts and Resolves**

10 New Initiative: Provides funds to provide assistance in the  
12 planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center  
at St. Mary's in Lewiston to promote the academic, economic,  
14 social and cultural heritage of Franco-Americans in the State.

16 **General Fund** **2002-03**  
All Other \$3,000,000

18 **Miscellaneous Acts and Resolves**

20 New Initiative: Provides funds to assist the Moosehead Marine  
22 Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin, including  
repairs to its deck.

24 **General Fund** **2002-03**  
26 All Other \$30,000

28 **Miscellaneous Acts and Resolves**

30 New Initiative: Provides funds to the Center Theater, Inc. to  
renovate the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft and to  
32 promote tourism, the arts and culture and economic growth in  
Piscataquis County.

34 **General Fund** **2002-03**  
36 All Other \$1,000,000

38 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

40 **TOTAL** **\$4,030,000**

42 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

44 **Office of Tourism**

46 New Initiative: Provides funds to match a federal grant to plan  
48 and construct the Downeast Heritage Center on the St. Croix River  
in Calais and to promote tourism and economic growth in  
50 Washington County.

2	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
4	All Other	\$1,000,000
6	<b>DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
8	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
10	<b>Section Summary - All Funds</b>	<u>\$5,030,000</u>

**SUMMARY**

14           This bill appropriates \$3,000,000 to provide assistance in  
16 the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage  
18 Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston to promote the academic,  
20 economic, social and cultural heritage of Franco-Americans in the  
State. The center will transform the existing St. Mary's Church  
into an all-purpose performance hall, museum and learning center.

22           This bill provides \$30,000 to the Moosehead Marine Museum to  
24 assist the museum in the renovation of its flagship, the  
Katahdin, including repairs to its deck.

26           The bill provides \$1,000,000 to the Center Theater, Inc. to  
28 provide assistance in the planning and construction of the Center  
Theater in Dover-Foxcroft. The Center Theater, Inc. is a  
30 not-for-profit corporation that will renovate and operate the  
existing Center Theater as a performing and visual arts center in  
downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

32           This bill also appropriates \$1,000,000 to match federal  
34 grants to plan and construct the Downeast Heritage Center on the  
St. Croix River in Calais and to promote tourism and economic  
36 growth in Washington County. These funds, combined with the  
\$1,000,000 already appropriated, will provide a total of  
38 \$2,000,000 for the center.