

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 119**

S.P. 42

In Senate, January 21, 2003

### **An Act to Provide Continued Funding for the Maine Airs Program**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland and  
Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, MITCHELL of  
Penobscot, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representative: SUSLOVIC of Portland.

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

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

6 **LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **Division for the Blind and**  
10 **Visually impaired**

12 Initiative: Provides continued funding on an ongoing basis for  
12 the audio information service, the Maine Airs program,  
14 established through the Iris Network for people who are blind  
14 or visually impaired and other people in the State who are  
16 unable to access printed information due to a disability.

16 <b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
18 All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill appropriates \$50,000 in each year of the biennium on  
24 an ongoing basis to the Department of Labor for the continuation  
26 of the Maine Airs program through the Iris Network, formerly  
known as the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.