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House of Representatives, February 5, 2007

An Act To Increase Funding for the State's Immunization Program

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLER of Somerville.
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, FINLEY of Skowhegan, LEWIN of Eliot,
WALCOTT of Lewiston, WALKER of Lincolnville.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** the budget for the State's immunization program faces a gap of
4 approximately \$6,000,000 if it continues providing vaccine supplies at the current level;
5 and

6 **Whereas,** the pressure on the budget of the immunization program has required the
7 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and
8 Prevention to provide vaccine supplies only to health care providers serving the most
9 high-risk populations; and

10 **Whereas,** Maine's immunization program should encourage administration of
11 vaccines as a part of a total preventive health care program, so as to provide effective
12 entry into a continuous and comprehensive primary care system; and

13 **Whereas,** Maine's public health system should ensure that there is no financial
14 barrier to routine childhood vaccinations or annual influenza vaccinations for Maine
15 citizens; and

16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
17 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
18 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
19 therefore,

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

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

23 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

25 Initiative: Provides funds for the State's immunization program to provide vaccines in
26 accordance with guidelines established by the federal Department of Health and Human
27 Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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29 GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
30 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
31 Personal Services	\$228,000	\$239,400
32 All Other	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
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34 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,228,000</u>	<u>\$6,239,400</u>

1 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
2 legislation takes effect when approved.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 The bill provides funding for the State's immunization program so that the program
5 can provide vaccines to adults and children according to guidelines established by the
6 federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention.