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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 107, L.D. 246, "An Act Regarding the  
Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Direct Funds to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

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

**Whereas,** the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted Maine's tourism economy;  
and

**Whereas,** Maine's tourism industry brought in significantly less revenue in the past  
year as compared to prior years; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of  
Tourism has available unspent unobligated funds that are needed for the Tourism  
Marketing Promotion Fund in the upcoming 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

**Sec. 1. Transfer. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2020-21, the State Controller shall transfer, after the  
deduction of all allocations, financial commitments and other designated funds and any  
other transfer authorized by statute, any remaining balance in the Department of Economic  
and Community Development, Office of Tourism account, Other Special Revenue Funds,  
to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

This amendment changes the bill to a resolve that directs the State Controller to transfer, after the deduction of all allocations, financial commitments and other designated funds and any other transfer authorized by statute, any remaining balance in the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism account, Other Special Revenue Funds, to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

(See attached)



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 246

LR 874(02)

## An Act Regarding the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**  
**Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Transfers to Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the State Controller to transfer all unobligated balances in the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, Other Special Revenue Funds (OSR) account to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund at the end of fiscal year 2020-21. In addition to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund, there are 2 other OSR rules under the Office of Tourism. They are the Publications Revolving Fund and the Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund. Under this bill, any unobligated balances in these 2 funds would be transferred to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund at the end of fiscal year 2020-21. As of March 4, 2021, the unobligated balance in the Publications Revolving Fund was \$25,025 and the unobligated balance in the Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund was \$52,403. The unobligated balance in the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund was approximately \$4.8 million.