

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1378

House of Representatives, January 5, 2022

### **An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program**

(EMERGENCY)

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

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York,  
MEYER of Eliot, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin,  
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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,** this legislation restores funding to Maine's Tobacco Prevention and Control  
4 Program, which recently had its funding reduced; and

5 **Whereas,** Maine has the highest adult smoking rate in the Northeast and, like the rest  
6 of the nation, is experiencing a youth tobacco use epidemic; and

7 **Whereas,** smoking is the leading preventable risk factor for many of the leading  
8 causes of death of Maine people, including cancer, heart disease, lung disease and stroke,  
9 and increases an individual's risk for severe illness from COVID-19; and

10 **Whereas,** tobacco use costs Maine \$811 million in health care bills each year,  
11 including approximately \$262 million in state Medicaid costs; each Maine household pays  
12 an additional \$1,066 in state and federal taxes from smoking-caused government  
13 expenditures; and smoking costs Maine \$647 million in productivity losses; and

14 **Whereas,** adequate funding for comprehensive tobacco prevention and control  
15 programs leads to greater reductions in smoking, and the longer states adequately invest in  
16 such programs, the greater the impact; and

17 **Whereas,** the reduction in funding has resulted in declines in funding for surveillance  
18 and evaluation, counter-marketing campaigns, eliminating tobacco-related health  
19 disparities and tobacco treatment; and

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

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

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

27 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
28 **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

29 Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to  
30 restore the level of funding provided for the program in fiscal year 2020-21.

31 <b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
32 All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
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34 <b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill provides ongoing allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program  
39 to restore the level of funding provided for the program in fiscal year 2020-21.