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House of Representatives, February 21, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing Funds for the Promotion of Maine.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the lack of sufficient local funds, and the lack of a specific appropriation at the state level of government, has resulted in the State of Maine not being represented at many of the outstanding events occurring throughout the country; and

Whereas, neither local or state funds are available for the purpose of defraying necessary expenses of visiting dignitaries or groups of dignitaries; and

Whereas, other states are represented at outside events, by bands, floats, etc. which display the talents and producing abilities of its people, and that many states do provide funds to defray necessary expenses of visiting dignitaries; and

Whereas, the State of Maine is competing directly with other states in the promotional area for new industries and for tourist trade and to maintain prestige out of state; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 11, § 12-A, additional. Chapter II of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12-A, to read as follows:

'Promotion of Maine.

Sec. 12-A. Promotion of Maine. There is hereby established a special account, to be set up by the State Controller, to be designated "Promotion of Maine Account" for the purpose of promoting Maine and to which shall be credited such amounts as are appropriated by the Legislature therefor.

This account shall be under the complete supervision and control of the Governor and Council, and the Governor and Council is authorized in its discretion to designate any part of this account for meeting necessary expenses in providing for such needs in the promotion of Maine after public hearings and ample evidence is presented of the need for an allotment from this account.

No allotment or release shall be authorized for any normal operation of the State Government for which funds have been provided by the Legislature, it being the intent of the Legislature that the use of this account be limited to such unusual and unforeseen needs as may arise in the promotion of specific projects which bear a direct positive effect on the economy of Maine. This shall not be construed to authorize the Governor and Council to create any new department or function, and no part of this account shall be used for attorneys' fees, increases of salaries, the creation of any new positions in any department of the State Government, or for the construction or equipping of any building.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$3,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 to carry out the purposes of this act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.