

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1404**

H. P. 980

House of Representatives, March 26, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in Department  
of Agriculture Due to Insufficient Appropriations.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the funds appropriated for the present function of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 are insufficient; and

Whereas, existing statutes provide for these functions as a direct obligation of the 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

**Emergency appropriation. Resolved:** That in order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, the following sum or as much thereof as shall be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulation, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated:

	1956-57
Department of Agriculture	\$20,000

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

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Chapter 433 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to reimburse town treasurers for money expended on porcupine bounties. Same legislation increased fees for dog licenses. All money from dog licenses is paid into general fund. No appropriation was made to Department of Agriculture for this purpose. In 1955-56 fiscal year \$20,000 was transferred from Contingent Account to Department of Agriculture to take care of this deficiency. Council has referred Department to Legislature for deficiency appropriation for 1956-57.