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House of Representatives, January 22, 1959.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kellam of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing for the Construction of a Classrooms, Laboratories and Library Building at the University of Maine in Portland.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the 98th Legislature authorized the transfer of assets and control of Portland Junior College to the University of Maine and delegated to the Board of Trustees of the University the responsibility of operating it "as an integral part of the University of Maine"; and

Whereas, the buildings at said University of Maine in Portland are of wood, temporary type construction; and

Whereas, the existing facilities already are used to capacity; and

Whereas, educational facilities are limited especially in the fields of sciences, pre-engineering and in library capacity; and

Whereas, facilities are not sufficiently adequate to permit the enrollment of women students; and

Whereas, it is expected there will be a great demand by large numbers of students, both men and women, for enrollment at the University of Maine in Portland; and

Whereas, it is hoped to provide more adequate educational opportunities for eligible students in the Portland area by the opening of the fall semester in 1960; and

Whereas, construction should be commenced by May 1, 1959 to insure completion by the opening of the academic year in the fall of 1960; 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:

Sec. 1. A Classrooms, Laboratories and Library Building; construction of. The University of Maine is authorized to construct at the campus of the University of Maine in Portland a classrooms, laboratories and library building, together with all necessary equipment, furniture and furnishings.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated the sum of \$1,292,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the provisions of this act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

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