

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 750**

H. P. 515

House of Representatives, February 17, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for Office of Treasurer of State.**

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

**Supplemental appropriation.** In order to provide for additional necessary expenditures for the treasury department for the next 2 fiscal years, from July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960 and from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961, the following sums are appropriated out of any money in the General Fund:

	1959-60	1960-61
Installation of alarm protection on the 2 vaults of the treasury department	\$4,625	—
Annual inspection fee	—	\$ 74
Telephone circuit charge	150	180
Installation of ventilator in new vault	545	—
Annual inspection fee	—	5
	<hr/> \$5,320	<hr/> \$259

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At one time during the construction of the new office building we suggested that the new vault or vaults should have burglar alarm protection. As it developed, no security vault was built in the new building and we found it necessary to continue using the treasurer's vault in the State House for certain purposes. Thus there are 2 vaults in use and neither of them have alarm protection.

Upon discussion of such protection with persons well informed in such matters, it appears that a proper burglar alarm system with wires directly connected with the headquarters of both the State Police and the Augusta police could be installed for a reasonable amount of money.

The amount of trust fund investments is increasing rapidly and is expected to increase for some years in the future. To a somewhat less extent this is also true of negotiable securities being deposited by insurance companies, corporations and legal representatives of estates in which there are inheritance tax problems.

With cash transactions increasing yearly and with a possibility of a further increase from additional taxes, it appears the amount of currency in the overnight cash may be somewhat larger in the future.

The amount of \$4,625 shown above would pay for complete burglar alarm protection on the security vault in the State House and vault door protection on the vault in the office building. It would also cover the cost of holdup buttons and special switches connected directly with the police headquarters.

The vault in the new office building was built without a ventilator which is generally considered as standard equipment in a modern vault.