

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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§1100-S. Job grants program

The authority shall be responsible for the administration of the Maine Opportunity Job Grants Program pursuant to Title 5, chapter 403

1. Cooperation with the State Development Office. In administering this program, the authority shall cooperate with the State Development Office. The authority and the State Development Office shall adopt rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to implement this program. These rules shall:

A. Establish criteria and the process by which the amounts or sizes of grants shall be determined and awarded. Eligible recipients of grants shall be provided with 50% of the credit after a new position has been filled for a period of 6 months. The remainder of the job credit shall be made available to the eligible recipient after the position has been filled for one year;

B. Define a quality job;

C. Establish a ranking system with minimum eligibility standards, including factors such as full-time jobs; wages; job benefits, including medical insurance, dependent care, paid vacation, paid sick leave; and any other standards deemed important by the Finance Authority of Maine and the State Development Office;

D. Provide special consideration for jobs created in manufacturing companies, natural resources based companies as well as companies which contribute to the export base of an opportunity zone and companies engaged in the production of value-added products and services; and

E. Require companies applying for grants to demonstrate their financial viability which may include the use of the grant to make them financially viable.

Sec. 5. Allocation. The following funds having been appropriated by the Legislature are hereby allocated to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1987-88	1988-89
<u>EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT</u>		
State Development Office		
All Other	\$248,320	\$348,320

Funds for the fiscal year 1987-88 are to be used for contractual services to assist the State Development Office and the State Planning Office to conduct the review and analysis required in this Act. In addition, the funds provided in this allocation for the 1987-89 biennium may be used to fund remedies as provided in this chapter.

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Commission on Job Opportunity Zones

Personal Services	\$ 880	\$ 880
All Other	880	880
Total	<u>\$ 1,760</u>	<u>\$ 1,760</u>

Provides funds for per diem and expenses for Legislators appointed to the Commission on Job Opportunity Zones.

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$250,080 \$350,080

Effective September 29, 1987.

**CHAPTER 501**

H.P. 194 — L.D. 238

**AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Commission on Uniform State Laws.**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §241, first ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 812, §6, is further amended to read:

The Commission on Uniform State Laws, as established by Title 5, section 12004, subsection 12, shall consist of 3 members to be appointed for a term of 4 years by the Governor. The commission shall also consist of any residents who, because of long service in the cause of state legislation, are elected life members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The commission shall examine subjects on which uniformity of legislation in the different states is desirable; ascertain the best means to effect uniformity; cooperate with the commissioners of other states in the consideration and drafting of uniform acts for submission to the Legislatures of the several states; and prepare bills for introduction in the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1988-89
<u>LEGISLATURE</u>	
Commission on Uniform State Laws	
All Other	\$1,300
Provides funds to cover the additional travel expenses for one elected life member.	

Effective September 29, 1987.

**CHAPTER 502**

H.P. 1093 — L.D. 1484

**AN ACT to Amend the State Funding of  
Pollution Abatement Projects.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 38 MRSA §411, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 689, §§1 and 3, is further amended to read:

The department may pay an amount at least 15%, but not to exceed 45%, of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program or a pollution abatement construction program in an unorganized township or plantation authorized by the county commissioners. The department may pay up to 90% of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program or a pollution abatement construction program in an unorganized township or plantation authorized by the county commissioners in which the construction cost of the project does not exceed \$100,000 so long as total expenditures for the small projects do not exceed \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year and not more than one grant is made to any applicant each year, except that the department may pay up to 50% of the expense of individual projects serving seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments. The application for a grant under this paragraph for a project serving a single-family dwelling, including outbuildings, or a single commercial establishment, shall include a signed statement of the financial condition of the owner of the single-family dwelling or commercial establishment describing the need for the grant. That statement will become part of the application record and no further evidence of need will be required.

**Sec. 2.** 38 MRSA §411, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 689, §§2 and 3, is further amended to read:

~~The department, consistent with funding provided for the purpose of abating pollution from salt and sand-salt storage areas, may pay up to 50% of the expense of a municipal or quasi-municipal salt or sand-salt storage pollution abatement construction program or a salt or sand-salt storage pollution abatement construction program authorized by the county commissioners as long as total expenditures for salt or sand-salt storage buildings do not exceed \$2,500,000 per fiscal year and no municipal or quasi-municipal or county entity receives more than \$50,000 for salt or sand-salt storage buildings. Municipalities or counties may be reimbursed for salt or sand-salt storage buildings constructed after July 1, 1985 in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. State grant-in-aid participation under this section shall be limited to grants for waste treatment facilities, interceptor systems, and outfalls and salt or sand-salt storage buildings. The word "expense" shall not include costs relating to land acquisition or debt service, unless allowed under federal statutes and regulations.~~

Effective September 29, 1987.

**CHAPTER 503**

H.P. 1295 — L.D. 1773

**AN ACT to Require the Installation of  
Telecommunication Devices for the  
Hearing and Speech Impaired in Public Facilities.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 35-A MRSA §7505 is enacted to read:

§7505. Telecommunication devices for the hearing and speech impaired required in public facilities

1. State buildings. The Department of Administration shall require the installation and maintenance of telecommunication devices for communication for the hearing and speech impaired who rely on those devices for telephone communications in locations accessible to the public in state buildings where a primary function is the delivery of service to the general public, in accordance with a plan developed by the Department of Administration, Office of Information Services and the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation.

2. Other facilities serving the public. If public telephones are provided in a public facility, it shall be the responsibility of the owner or manager of the public facility to provide equal access by providing at least one telecommunication device for the hearing and speech impaired in the public facility.

3. Public facilities. For the purposes of this section, the following kinds of facilities shall be considered public facilities:

A. Airport terminals serving scheduled flights;

B. Bus and train depots; and

C. Hospitals.

4. Notice. A sign noting the availability and location of the telecommunication device for hearing and speech impaired persons shall be posted by the owner of the facility in a conspicuous location within each public facility covered by this section.

5. Devices. The requirements of this section may be satisfied by installation of telecommunication typewriters, including so-called telecommunication devices for the deaf, or other devices approved by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation, Division of Deafness.

**Sec. 2. Telecommunications access plan; implementation.** The Department of Administration, Office of Information Services and the Department of Human