

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1999

Provides one-time funding to conduct a survey to identify the statewide needs of women veterans.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 51

H.P. 944 - L.D. 1341

An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
COMMISSION, MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE		
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission		
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
Provides one-time funding for the 2000-2001 biennium to support additional tribal participation by the Maliseets and Micmacs and to strengthen the commission's staffing.		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 52

S.P. 845 - L.D. 2244

An Act to Fund Training Programs for Water Pollution Control Facility Operators

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1999-00 2000-01

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Land and Water Quality

All Other	\$40,000	\$40,000
Appropriates funds for programs of the Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee to support wastewater treatment plant operator training.		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 53

H.P. 228 - L.D. 332

An Act to Increase the Availability of Prescription Drugs for the State's Elderly

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

Sec. 1. Rulemaking. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall adopt rules for the elderly low-cost drug program to allow consideration of an applicant's change in income from the previous year when the applicant has documentation of a substantial change in circumstances that alters the applicant's income by more than 10%. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to persons applying for participation in the elderly low-cost drug program on or after August 1, 1999.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 54

H.P. 155 - L.D. 217

An Act to Increase the Appropriation to the Saco River Corridor Commission

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION		
Saco River Corridor Commission		
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
Provides ongoing operational funds to the Saco River Corridor Commission.		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 55

H.P. 374 - L.D. 499

An Act to appropriate Funds for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library and for Library Resource Sharing

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine State Library is a valuable resource for citizens of the State; and

Whereas, in order to continue providing a high level of service, it is imperative that the Maine State Library receive the funding so that there is no interruption of service; 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. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1999-00

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

Maine State Library

All Other \$200,000

Provides \$200,000 increase in the Maine State Library's acquisition budget for the purchase of library materials.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 1999.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 474 - L.D. 681

An Act to Fund Public School Alliances

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Leadership

All Other \$100,000

Provides funds to establish a grant program to support up to 20 public school alliances per year. The department is authorized to adopt routine technical rules in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A to implement the grant program. The rules must include a preference in awarding grants to public school alliances that secure local resources to match all or part of the state funds.

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