

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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2015

Sec. 30. Appropriations and allocations.
The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF
County Jail Operations Fund N220**

Initiative: Transfers funds from the State Board of Corrections to the Department of Corrections.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$12,202,104	\$12,202,104
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,202,104	\$12,202,104
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$225,881	\$228,505
All Other	\$565,503	\$565,503
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$791,384	\$794,008
CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$12,202,104	\$12,202,104
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$791,384	\$794,008
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$12,993,488	\$12,996,112

**CORRECTIONS, STATE BOARD OF
State Board of Corrections Operational Support Fund Z087**

Initiative: Transfers funds from the State Board of Corrections to the Department of Corrections.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	(\$12,202,104)	(\$12,202,104)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$12,202,104)	(\$12,202,104)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2,000)	(2,000)
Personal Services	(\$225,881)	(\$228,505)

All Other	(\$565,503)	(\$565,503)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$791,384)	(\$794,008)
CORRECTIONS, STATE BOARD OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	(\$12,202,104)	(\$12,202,104)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$791,384)	(\$794,008)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$12,993,488)	(\$12,996,112)
SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

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

Effective July 12, 2015.

**CHAPTER 336
H.P. 76 - L.D. 93**

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing Pine Tree
Development Zone Benefits for
the Town of Berwick and the
City of Sanford**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§3-A, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 652, Pt. D, §1 and affected by §2, are amended to read:

D. Property within a military redevelopment zone as long as the property is classified by the department no later than December 31, 2018; ~~and~~

E. Washington County ~~and~~ the Downeast region; ~~and the City of Sanford,~~ including ~~2~~ 3 pilot projects to be established by the commissioner:

(1) A pilot project for the property of the former Cutler naval computer and telecommunications station and a pilot project for the City of Sanford, which may be excluded from the qualified business definitions established under section 5250-I, subsections 16 and 17 if a for-profit business is engaged in, or will engage in, tourism development including recreational tourism, experiential tourism, hotel development and theme park resort facility development; and

(2) A pilot project that allows seasonal employees in seasonal industries based on natural resources to be considered qualified Pine Tree Development Zone employees for the purposes of section 5250-I, subsection 18; and

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§3-A, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Beginning January 1, 2016, the Town of Berwick in York County.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 337

H.P. 823 - L.D. 1205

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this Act,

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

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Provides funds to be used to leverage an estimated \$22,600,000 in private and other funds for low-income households headed by a person 55 years of age or older for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes and the adaptive reuse of structures or homes. Preference must be given to homes in locations that have access to health care services and other essential goods and services. At least 4 homes must be located in counties having populations under 100,000.

Total \$14,500,000

Provides funds to be used to match private and other funds for home repair and weatherization programs that assist low-income seniors.

Total \$500,000

Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 7. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds