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An Act to Support the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and
Senators: CURRY of Waldo, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, MOORE of
Washington, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, MATHIESON of Kittery, QUINT of
Hodgdon, TUELL of East Machias.

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

Whereas, this legislation funds the maintenance, preservation and promotion of state historic sites; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the current fiscal year so that essential repairs and preservation efforts may begin as soon as possible; 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. Fiscal year 2024-25 year-end unappropriated surplus; next priority transfer. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as the next priority after the transfers authorized pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 1507 and 1511, the transfer of \$2,500,000 for the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital pursuant to Title 5, section 1536 and the transfers to the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund pursuant to Title 5, section 1519 and after all required deductions of appropriations, budgeted financial commitments and adjustments considered necessary by the State Controller have been made and after all other transfers from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund provided for in any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund up to \$18,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Parks - General Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used for the ongoing maintenance, preservation and promotion of historic sites.

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

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Controller, as the next priority transfer at the close of fiscal year 2024-25, after all transfers are made pursuant to statute and any other provision of law, to transfer from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund up to \$18,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Parks - General Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used for the ongoing maintenance, preservation and promotion of historic sites.