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House of Representatives, January 5, 2022

An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York,
MEYER of Eliot, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin,
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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 restores funding to Maine's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, which recently had its funding reduced; and

Whereas, Maine has the highest adult smoking rate in the Northeast and, like the rest of the nation, is experiencing a youth tobacco use epidemic; and

Whereas, smoking is the leading preventable risk factor for many of the leading causes of death of Maine people, including cancer, heart disease, lung disease and stroke, and increases an individual's risk for severe illness from COVID-19; and

Whereas, tobacco use costs Maine \$811 million in health care bills each year, including approximately \$262 million in state Medicaid costs; each Maine household pays an additional \$1,066 in state and federal taxes from smoking-caused government expenditures; and smoking costs Maine \$647 million in productivity losses; and

Whereas, adequate funding for comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs leads to greater reductions in smoking, and the longer states adequately invest in such programs, the greater the impact; and

Whereas, the reduction in funding has resulted in declines in funding for surveillance and evaluation, counter-marketing campaigns, eliminating tobacco-related health disparities and tobacco treatment; 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. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to restore the level of funding provided for the program in fiscal year 2020-21.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

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

SUMMARY

This bill provides ongoing allocations to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to restore the level of funding provided for the program in fiscal year 2020-21.