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An Act To Provide Funding for the Drinking Water Program

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, one-time funding for grants and loans for public drinking water improvements is needed prior to June 30, 2007 in order to match federal grants for this purpose; 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

Drinking Water Enforcement 0728

Initiative: Appropriates funds on a one-time basis for grants and loans for public drinking water improvements. These funds will be matched by \$8,300,000 in federal funds.

GENERAL FUND	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$1,660,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,660,000	\$0	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,660,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to match 20% of an \$8.3 million federal grant for public drinking water improvements.