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An Act To Allocate the Balance of Funds Not Expended by the Task Force on Franco-Americans

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and
Representatives: BECK of Waterville, FREDETTE of Newport, THERIAULT of Madawaska,
Senator: MASON of Androscoggin.

1 Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, this legislation authorizes expending funds to offset costs associated with 3 4 the Legislature's Franco-American Day, which is scheduled this spring; and 5 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 6 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore. 9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 10 **Sec. 1. Franco-American Day.** Notwithstanding Resolve 2011, chapter 102 or any other provision of law, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council may retain 11 \$300 in the Task Force on Franco-Americans funding account and expend those funds to 12 offset the costs associated with the Legislature's Franco-American Day. 13 14 Sec. 2. Payment. No later than November 1, 2013, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall pay \$1,110.50 to the Franco-American Center at the University 15 of Maine, which represents the balance of funds contributed by outside sources to support 16 17 the work of the Task Force on Franco-Americans established pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 102 but not expended by the task force. 18 19 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved. 20 21 **SUMMARY** 22 This bill authorizes the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to retain \$300 23 in the Task Force on Franco-Americans funding account and expend those funds to offset 24 the costs associated with the Legislature's Franco-American Day. 25 This bill requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to pay \$1,110.50 26 to the Franco-American Center at the University of Maine, which represents the balance

of funds contributed by outside sources to support the work of the Task Force on Franco-

Americans, but not expended by the task force, no later than November 1, 2013.

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