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An Act To Restore Positions in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

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 provides funds to restore positions that were eliminated in Public Law 2007, chapter 539, which takes effect June 30, 2008; 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. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. LLLL, §1 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. LLLL-1. Governmental oversight; recommendations. The Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall:

1. Work with relevant offices and agencies, including the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, the State Controller and the State Auditor, to facilitate the sharing of resources and coordination of program review across State Government in order to maintain and strengthen program evaluation function; and

2. Recommend to the Government Oversight Committee performance standards to maximize the effectiveness of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in carrying out its mission to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and economic use of resources of State Government.

Sec. 2. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. LLLL, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. LLLL-2. Legislative account; lapsed balances; Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability - General Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$16,517 of unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category and ~~\$300,964~~\$495,964 in the unencumbered balance forward in the All Other line category in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability General Fund account in the Legislature lapses to the General Fund in fiscal year 2008-09.

Sec. 3. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. LLLL, §3 is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect June 30, 2008.

Effective June 30, 2008.