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An Act Regarding the Powers of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §85-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1999, c. 452, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Solicitation and acceptance of gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments and membership fees. To solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments and membership fees for purposes consistent with the purposes of this chapter. Any funds, if given as an endowment or trust, must be invested by the Treasurer of State according to the laws governing the investment of trust funds. All gifts, grants, donations, bequests and proceeds of endowment funds must be used solely to carry out the purposes for which they were made;

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §86, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 763, Pt. A, §77, is further amended to read:

1. Acquisition. The Maine State Museum is authorized to solicit and accept donations of property for the sole use of the museum ~~provided~~ as long as the donations are of a nature to carry out and promote the purposes of this chapter. The Maine State Museum may purchase works of art, artifacts and specimens for the enrichment of the collections from funds provided in the budget, secured from private donations or bequests or generated from the disposition of deaccessioned items.

SUMMARY

This bill provides statutory authority for the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission to actively solicit the gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments and membership fees currently authorized for acceptance by the director.