Interest of Ministerial Fund to be divided annually. The trustees of the Ministerial Fund in the Town of Turner are directed and empowered to divide annually the interest arising on said Ministerial Fund among such churches, synagogues and houses of worship as shall be established in the Town of Turner on the last day of the year in which said interest was earned. A church, synagogue or house of worship shall be deemed to be "established" when it has 25 regular parishioners, communicants or members and shall be meeting on a regular basis.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 107

AN ACT Relating to Safety Barriers on the Maine Turnpike.

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

Sec. 1. Maine Turnpike; safety barriers. The Maine Turnpike Authority shall erect and maintain safety barriers in the center of the median strip on the turnpike from York to Augusta. Such safety barriers shall be erected by December 31, 1974.

Sec. 2. Application. If, prior to the effective date of this Act, the Maine Turnpike is transferred to the State of Maine, such safety barriers shall be erected by the State Highway Commission within a time limit established by the Governor.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 108

AN ACT Providing for a Study of Whether Savings Banks Should Offer Checking Accounts.

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

Sec. 1. Legislative Research study. The Legislative Research Committee is authorized and directed to study whether savings banks should offer checking accounts and, if so, the terms and conditions thereof with fair competitive treatment to competing institutions and to determine whether the best interests of the State would be served by enactment of legislation in the area. The Department of Banks and Banking is directed to provide the committee with such technical advice and other assistance as the committee deems necessary or desirable to carry out such study. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations together with any implementing legislation to the next regular session of the Legislature. A copy hereof shall be transmitted forthwith to said Department of Banks and Banking as notice of the pending study.