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(1) For lobbying;

(2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA § 317, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ B and C, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

B. The total amount of compensation paid to the lobbyist by the employer during the previous year and due the lobbyist for the previous year:

(1) For lobbying;

(2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

C. The total expenditures made by the lobbyist during the preceding year for which the lobbyist has been and expects to be reimbursed by the employer:

(1) For lobbying;

(2) For the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action;

Sec. 4. **Effective date.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1978.

Effective January 1, 1978

CHAPTER 109

AN ACT to Ensure that the Uniform Property Tax Rate Conforms to Limits on Educational Funding Established by Statute.

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

Whereas, there has been a recent increase in the state valuation; and

Whereas, the present statutory mill tax rate will probably produce more than ½ of the total cost of education and therefore will be in violation of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 3747; and

Whereas, inadvertently a conflict between the existing mill tax rate and that provided under Title 20, section 3747 has been created which the Legislature must resolve; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emer-

gency 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:

36 MRSA § 451, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 5, is amended to read:

2. **Uniform property tax.** Pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Article VIII, Part First, and in addition to subsection 1, a uniform property tax is assessed which shall be determined as follows. The Legislature shall annually, prior to April 1st, enact legislation establishing the uniform property tax rate. The uniform property tax rate shall be 13 mills for the period beginning July 1, 1976, and ending June 30, 1977 and ~~12.5 mills thereafter~~. After January 1, 1977, the Legislature shall set the uniform property tax rate in accordance with Title 20, section 3747. The rate shall be applied to the state valuations of each municipality and property in the unorganized territory.

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

Effective May 2, 1977

CHAPTER 110

AN ACT Relating to Town Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1761 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1761. Municipal hospitals

A municipality may establish and maintain one or more hospitals, nursing facilities, boarding homes or any other institution, place, building or agency for the care, accommodation or hospitalization of the sick or injured or for the care of any aged or other persons requiring or receiving chronic or convalescent care. Any such facility shall be subject to all statutes and licensing requirements applicable to the particular type of facility.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1762 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1762. Temporary facilities

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1761, in the event of an outbreak of any disease or health problem dangerous to the public health, the municipal officers or local health officer, with the approval of the department, may establish temporary health care facilities, subject to the supervision of the department.