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Penalty
Interest
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Total	\$.....
and \$..... costs of this proceeding	and the same is unpaid

"We command you, therefore, that of the money, goods and chattels of said debtor, in your precinct, or the value thereof in money, you cause to be paid and satisfied unto the State of Maine said total and costs, and cents more for this warrant, together with your own fees.

"Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto my office within one year from the date hereof.

.....
 Clerk of Courts, County of
 Date"

Warrants shall be returnable within one year. New warrants may be issued on such certificate within 2 years from the return day of the last preceding warrant for sums remaining unsatisfied.

Warrants shall be served by the sheriff of any county or by any of his deputies or by any agent of the State Tax Assessor authorized to collect taxes imposed under the Maine Income Tax Law in the county where the person may be found.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 166

AN ACT Concerning Municipal Transit Districts.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 4976, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4976. Single municipal or regional transportation district

In the event a single municipality shall vote to create such a district, its municipal officers shall appoint from the inhabitants of such municipality 5 directors, who shall have the same terms of office, powers, duties and privileges as set forth in this chapter. A single municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, or a regional transportation corporation, by vote of its board of directors, be empowered to perform the functions provided in this chapter without creating a district and thereafter such single municipality or regional transportation corporation shall have all of the powers, duties and privileges established applicable to a district, unless specifically excluded,

and the municipal officers of such municipality or directors of such regional transportation corporation shall have the same powers, duties and privileges granted under this chapter to the board of directors of a district.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 4977, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4977. District defined

Whenever the word "district" is used in this chapter, it shall be deemed to include a district created by vote of a single municipality, or by vote of a group of municipalities, or a municipality voting to provide such mass transportation service without the creation of a district or a regional transportation corporation, except that the provisions of sections 4986, 4987 and 4988 shall not apply to a regional transportation corporation.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 4977-A is enacted to read:

§ 4977-A. Definition of regional transportation corporation

A regional transportation corporation is defined as any private, nonprofit corporation formed for the express purpose of providing public transportation services to more than one municipality but which is not wholly or partly owned by the municipalities. Such corporation shall be approved, for the purpose of providing public transportation services, by the municipal officers of each community to receive public transportation services from such corporation. After being approved by the municipal officers of 5 or more communities, such a corporation shall be duly certified as a regional transportation corporation by the Department of Transportation and shall be subject to all applicable Public Utilities Commission regulations governing charter and rates of fare.

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA § 4980, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is amended to read:

§ 4980. Limitation

Charter service rendered by the district shall be limited to that which originates or terminates at some point within said district and shall in all respects be subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission in the same manner and to the same extent as private companies providing charter service, except that a regional transportation corporation shall not provide any charter service other than that specially provided for under the conditions of any license granted the corporation by the Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 5. 30 MRSA § 4981, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is amended to read:

The directors of a district shall establish such routes and shall fix such rates of fare to be charged for such mass transportation service as shall to the extent possible reasonably assure sufficient income to meet the cost of the service, including, but not limited to, operating expenses, insurance, taxes, rentals, annual serial bond payments, interest, allocation for a reserve account and an allowance for depreciation, except that the director of a regional transportation corporation shall not fix any rates of fare to be charged for mass transportation service other than that specifically provided for under the

conditions of any license granted the corporation by the Public Utilities Commission.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 167

AN ACT to Eliminate the Requirement That Persons Over 70 Submit to an Eye Test in Order to be Issued a Complimentary Hunting License.

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

12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 13, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 562, § 13, is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 168

AN ACT Reinstating the Malt Liquor License Application Filing Fee.

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

Whereas, the 107th session of the Legislature enacted Public Law 1975, chapter 741, "An Act to Revise the Statutes Concerning Alcoholic Beverages;" and

Whereas, in revising the statutory provision relating to license fees, the Legislature inadvertently omitted a provision relating to filing fees for applications for original and renewal malt liquor licenses; and

Whereas, these filing fees are necessary for the administration of malt liquor license fee applications; and

Whereas, the State has collected a large number of these fees during the current year; and

Whereas, unless the statutory authorization for the collection of these fees is immediately reinstated, the State will be liable for repayment of these needed filing fees; and