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- B. Contracts for installation of the acceptable volatile organic compound emission control equipment or purchase orders for component parts shall be issued before March 1, 1980.
- C. Initiation of on-site construction or installation of acceptable volatile organic compound emission control equipment shall begin before July 1, 1980.
- D. Final compliance shall be achieved before July 1, 1981.
- 5. Emission testing. Until a federally approved test method is available the determination of compliance shall be by methods approved by the commissioner.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 386

S. P. 561 — L. D. 1619

AN ACT to Conform State Statutes to the Federal Food Stamp Program.

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

22 MRSA § 3104, sub-§§ 4 to 9 are enacted to read:

4. Mail issuance of coupons. The department shall institute a system of mail issuance of food stamp allotments through a direct coupon mailing system as authorized by and in conformity with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In those areas of the State where the department can document evidence of significant diminution of client demand or of loss of significant numbers of coupons, the department may, after notice and hearing, establish an alternative system of food stamp issuance.

5. Outreach. It is the intent of the Legislature that the department fully carry out all outreach activities established by federal regulation to encourage the participation of all eligible households.

In carrying out its outreach activities, the department shall insure that all applicants and recipients are informed of their right to have the requirement for a face-to-face interview waived as provided by federal regulations.

6. Bilingual requirements. The department shall print and distribute brochures or pamphlets concerning the food stamp program in other languages as it deems necessary. The department shall prepare public service announcements in French for distribution to appropriate newspapers and radio and television stations.

7. **Verification of information.** The department shall establish and implement uniform verification procedures that will be applied to all applicants and recipients.

8. **Certification periods.** Households shall be certified for a 6-month period unless there is a likelihood of change in income or household status. Households consisting of elderly or disabled persons with stable incomes shall be certified for 12 months.

9. **Information on notice to recipients.** All notices of denial, reduction of benefits, termination of benefits, fraud claims, nonfraud claims or other actions shall contain information on the appeal procedure, and the availability of free legal representation in the geographic area and shall include, at a minimum, the address and telephone number for these services.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 387

S. P. 402 — L. D. 1266

AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Governing Vocational Regions.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2356-B, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 690, § 10-B, is amended to read:

Cooperative boards of vocational regions are authorized to expend available revenues to meet debt service and security and maintenance of property costs and to accept and expend special grants from state and federal sources, notwithstanding any other statute.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 6, 5th paragraph, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 205, § 15, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A vote on the budget of the vocational region shall be completed at the same time as the regular school budget. Whenever the budget fails to pass, or when a special region budget meeting is called by the cooperative board after having declared that an emergency exists, the cooperative board shall prepare the new budget, or special budget, and submit the necessary articles to the budget meeting of the vocational region called in the manner set forth in this subsection.

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