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C. The consent is being given by a putative father required to give consent under this section; or

D. An agency or person is giving consent as required under subsection 3.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 392

H. P. 1340 — L. D. 1584

AN ACT to Increase the Self-imposed Tax on Blueberries to Support Research and Extension Work as to the Effects of Inflation, the Shortage of Fuel Oil and Promotional and Marketing Aspects to Keep Maine Blueberries Competitive in North America.

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

Whereas, inflation and the escalating costs of fuel oil used to burn the fields are causing unusual hardship to the blueberry industry and competition in the market is steadily increasing from blueberries produced in other areas; and

Whereas, legislation is urgently needed to increase the self-imposed blueberry tax to permit needed research and education to cope with these developments; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency 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:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 4303, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 533, § 1, is further amended to read:

There is levied and imposed a tax at the rate of .23 mills per pound of fresh fruit on all blueberries grown, purchased, sold, handled or processed in this State.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 4303-A, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 425, § 1, is amended to read:

There is levied and imposed an additional tax at the rate of ~~1 mill~~ **2 mills** per pound of fresh fruit on all blueberries grown, purchased, sold, handled or processed in this State.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA § 4306, as amended by PL 1977, c. 533, § 2, is further amended to read:

§ 4306. Tax deducted from purchase price

Each processor or shipper, purchasing blueberries and paying or becoming liable to pay the tax imposed by section 4303, shall charge and collect from the seller a tax at the rate of ~~2~~ **3** mills per pound, to be deducted from the purchase price of all blueberries subject to the tax so purchased by such processor or shipper.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA § 4307, next to last sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 533, § 3, is further amended to read:

With said report, each processor or shipper shall forward payment of the tax at the rate of ~~3~~ **5** mills per pound upon all blueberries so reported as sold or purchased.

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

Effective June 8, 1979

CHAPTER 393

H. P. 737 — L. D. 924

AN ACT Concerning the Coordination of Health Services Funded Through the State and Federal Funds.

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

22 MRSA § 255 is enacted to read:

§ 255. Coordination of health services funded through the state and federal funds

1. Findings and declaration of legislative intent. The Legislature finds that the costs of health care and services provided by health care facilities are matters of vital concern to the people of this State and have a direct relationship to the ability of the people to obtain necessary health care.

The Legislature further finds that the coordination of health services in a