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## CHAPTER 18

H. P. 362 — L. D. 472

### AN ACT to Allocate \$8,000 to the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission.

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

Whereas, the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission, established by P&SL 1977, chapter 65, is required to study the question of the food production capability of the State and to report its findings to the Legislature by June 30, 1979, at which point the commission terminates by law; and

Whereas, the commission urgently needs \$8,000 to complete this study before its termination date; and

Whereas, this Act must take effect as soon as possible to enable the commission to complete its important task before its termination date; 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:**

**Allocation.** Eight thousand dollars of the total amount of \$1,807,804 appropriated to the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1978-79 shall be allocated to the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission.

These funds shall be used to complete the study assigned by P&SL 1977, chapter 65.

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

Effective May 7, 1979

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## CHAPTER 19

S. P. 386 — L. D. 1198

### AN ACT Authorizing a Legislative Study on Family Impact.

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

**Sec. 1. Study authorized.** The Legislature finds:

- A. That unprecedented changes are taking place in and to families;
- B. That governmental policies may have profound, direct affects on families;
- C. That the changes in and to families, in turn, have profound and direct influences on government policies; and
- D. That it is in the interest of state-policy makers to know whether and how their policies and proposed policies may affect, and are affected by, families.

**Sec. 2. Evaluation of state policies.** The Legislature further finds that it would be desirable for a study to be conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services to develop a mechanism to evaluate how state policies, including policies imposed by statute and administrative act, and proposed policies affect, and are affected by families.

**Sec. 3. Technical assistance.** If technical assistance or cash or in-kind grants in aid become available to the Legislature for the purpose of conducting a study as described in subsection 2, then the Legislative Council may agree with the grantor to participate in the study by matching the grant with expenditures for per diem and expenses of Legislators and costs of legislative staff in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. The Legislative Council may approve the terms of an agreement and request assistance from state departments and agencies during the study. State departments and agencies shall provide any assistance requested by the Legislative Council for the study.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 20

S. P. 291 — L. D. 853

### AN ACT to Enable the Ocean Park Association to Qualify for Tax Exempt Status under the United States Internal Revenue Code.

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

Whereas, it is the purpose of this Act to enable the Ocean Park Association to qualify for nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States; and