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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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“Market development” ~~shall mean~~ means any activity to encourage use of the trade zone, or of its sections or subzones where they may be located in Maine communities away from the main zone.

Sec. 3. PL 1979, c. 547, § 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** The following funds ~~shall be~~ are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1979-80

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

State Development Office

Foreign Trade Zone Market Development Grants

All Other

\$30,000

Any funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 1979-80 shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to fiscal year 1980-81 and shall be available for obligation during fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81, after which any unobligated balances shall lapse.

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

Effective April 17, 1981

CHAPTER 174

H. P. 844 — L. D. 1010

**AN ACT to Authorize Joint Custody Orders as Part of Divorce Judgments.**

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 214, first sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 19, § 6, is further amended to read:

If the father and mother of a minor child are living apart from each other, the judge of probate or the Superior Court Justice or the District Court in the county where either resides, on complaint of either and after such notice to the other as he may order, may decree which parent shall have the exclusive care and custody of the person of such minor ~~or he~~, may apportion the care and custody of the said minor between the parents **or may decree that the parents shall have joint custody of the minor**, as the good of the child may require.

**Sec. 2.** 19 MRSA § 752, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 5, is further amended to read:

The court making an order of nullity or of divorce may make an order concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children of the parties and ~~with which parents any of them shall live~~ **may decree which parent shall have exclusive care and custody of any of the minor children, may apportion the care and custody of any of the minor children between the parents, may decree that the parents shall have joint custody of any of the minor children, or may grant the care and custody of said those children to a 3rd person or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children or to the Department of Human Services.**

Effective September 18, 1981

## CHAPTER 175

H. P. 517 — L. D. 583

### AN ACT Relating to the Availability of Joint Life Insurance in Connection with Real Estate Mortgage Loans.

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

**Sec. 1.** 9-B MRSA § 443, sub-§ 7, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 667, § 1, is amended to read:

In so doing, a financial institution which makes life insurance available pursuant to Title 24-A, section ~~2604~~ **2604-A**, where the indebtedness is secured to the creditor by a mortgage on real estate ~~with an initial term exceeding 15 years~~ and where a separate charge is made to the debtor for that insurance, shall make the insurance available jointly to the debtor and not more than one comaker of the indebtedness, provided that both are individually and jointly liable to repay the indebtedness.

**Sec. 2.** 24-A MRSA § ~~2604-A~~ is enacted to read:

#### § 2604-A. Debtor groups

The lives of a group of individuals may be insured under a policy issued to a creditor or its parent holding company or to a trustee or trustees or agent designated by 2 or more creditors, which creditor, holding company, affiliate, trustee, trustees or agent is considered the policyholder, to insure debtors of the creditor or creditors, subject to the following requirements.