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stitution 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. 12 MRSA §8901, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §76, is further amended to read:

1. Appointment. The Director of the Bureau of Forestry shall appoint forest rangers and a state supervisor, subject to the Civil Service Law. Rangers assigned to posts at Clayton Lake, St. Pamphile, Estcourt Station, Daaquam, Musquacook Lake, Snare Brook and Baker Lake, shall be bilingual in French and English.

Sec. 2. Application. The provisions of this Act, shall apply to all assignments made after the effective date of this Act.

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

Effective April 17, 1987.

CHAPTER 70

H.P. 67 — L.D. 70

AN ACT to Amend Property Tax Abatement Procedures.

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

36 MRSA §841, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 73, is amended to read:

2. Infirmity or poverty. The municipal officers or the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory, within 3 years from commitment, may, on their own knowledge or on written application therefor, make such abatements as they believe reasonable in the real and personal taxes on all persons who, by reason of infirmity or poverty, are in their judgment unable to contribute to the public charges. Hearings and proceedings held pursuant to this subsection shall be in executive session and information submitted in support of an application under this subsection shall be confidential. The municipal officers or the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory may extend the 3-year period within which they may make abatements under this subsection.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 71

H.P. 182 — L.D. 226

AN ACT Relating to Immunization of Post-secondary Students.

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

20-A MRSA §6359, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 771, §§2 and 7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

H. "Student" means any person born after 1956 who attends school full time or who is a candidate for a degree, diploma or graduate certificate.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 72

H.P. 263 — L.D. 346

AN ACT to Amend the Law Regarding the Medical Certificate Filed After Death.

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

22 MRSA §2842, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 382, is further amended to read:

2. Medical certificate by physician. The medical certification of the cause of death shall be completed and signed within 24 hours after death by the physician in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death, except when an inquiry as to the cause of death is required by law. If the patient was a resident of a nursing home licensed under section 1817 at the time of death and if the physician in charge of the patient's care or another physician designated by the physician in charge had not examined the patient within 48 hours prior to death, or within 2 weeks prior to death in the case of a terminally ill patient, the physician in charge or another physician designated by the physician in charge shall examine the body prior to completing the certification of death process. Any physician who fails to complete the medical certification of the cause of death fully, and in a timely manner, or who fails to examine the body of a nursing home resident prior to certifying cause of death as required by this section shall be reported to the Board of Registration in Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration, whichever is appropriate, by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics of the Department of Human Services.

For the purposes of this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Life-sustaining procedure" means any medical procedure or intervention that, when administered to a qualified patient, will serve only to prolong the dying process and shall not include nutrition and hydration.