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5. Parenterally administered oncologic drug products administered at medical office sites. This subchapter does not apply to parenterally administered oncologic drug products administered at medical office sites.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 549

S.P. 608 - L.D. 1612

An Act to Repeal the Requirement that Disbursement Warrants Receive an Affirmative Vote by Municipal Officers

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

Whereas, current law requires that municipal disbursement warrants be approved by a majority of the municipal officers at public meetings; and

Whereas, for some municipalities, the law has created a hardship by requiring more frequent meetings and by the loss of early payment discounts on municipal bills; and

Whereas, this legislation provides a measure of relief for municipalities by authorizing municipalities through charter or ordinance to establish an alternative method of approving disbursement of municipal funds; and

Whereas, to provide maximum benefit to municipalities, this legislation must be enacted immediately; 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. 30-A MRSA §5603, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 83, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) and (2), and except as otherwise provided by charter or ordinance, disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for the purpose, affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of the municipal officers.

(1) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of employees' wages and benefits when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers.

(2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of payments for municipal education costs when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the school superintendent and approved by a majority of the school board or by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the school board. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

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

Effective March 20, 1996.

CHAPTER 550

H.P. 1196 - L.D. 1646

An Act to Establish the Freeport Towne Square Mental Retardation Facility

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1001, sub-§8, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §7, are amended to read:

E. The Aroostook Residential Center; ~~or~~

F. The ~~Military and Naval Bath~~ Bath Children's Home; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §1001, sub-§8, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Freeport Towne Square.

Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §5401, as amended by PL 1995, c. 395, Pt. G, §14 and affected by §20, is further amended to read:

§5401. Maintenance of facilities

The department shall maintain the following residential ~~facility~~ facilities for the care and treatment of mentally retarded persons: