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and approval of the Governor, to be used to meet Maine National Guard payrolls in fiscal year 1997-98.

Sec. 2. Repayment to Maine Rainy Day Fund. All funds received by the State as reimbursement from the Federal Government for its share of the Maine National Guard payrolls referenced in section 1 of this Act must be deposited in the Maine Rainy Day Fund as soon as practicable.

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

Effective January 29, 1998.

CHAPTER 565

S.P. 812 - L.D. 2191

An Act to Provide State Matching Funds for Federal Disaster Assistance Relating to the January Ice Storms

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

Whereas, the State was ravaged by 2 ice storms in January 1998 and has been declared a Federal Disaster Area; and

Whereas, these storms caused a tremendous amount of damage in municipalities across the State; 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. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-I is enacted to read:

1-I. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; disaster assistance. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 may be transferred from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the "Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency" program in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to be made available by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used as the State's matching share for disaster assistance associated with the ice storms of 1998.

Sec. 2. Unexpended resources. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is authorized to use, after identifying all outstanding obligations and commitments, all remaining resources available, including beginning cash balances and current year appropriations, within the General Fund Disaster Assistance account within the Maine Emergency Management Agency, in order to carry out the intent of this Act.

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

Effective February 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 566

H.P. 1390 - L.D. 1943

An Act to Repeal the Residency Requirement for Credit Union Directors

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

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §842, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:

A. The number of directors of a credit union ~~shall~~ may not be less than 5, all of whom must be ~~residents of this State~~ members of the credit union.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 567

H.P. 1365 - L.D. 1915

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Filing of Municipal Campaign Reports

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1058, as amended by PL 1995, c. 483, §19, is further amended to read:

§1058. Reports; qualifications for filing