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#### Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement

All Other

\$46,138,220

\$715,000

Provides funds for 100% of the estimated amount of property tax exempted under the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption program.

#### Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement

All Other

Provides funds to reimburse municipalities for 90% of the estimated local costs incurred to implement the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption program.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES TOTAL

\$47,002,199

**Sec. HHH-8. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, or any other provision of law, the State Controller is authorized to transfer \$47,051,828 from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to the General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 1998-99.

**Sec. HHH-9. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, or any other provision of law, the State Controller is authorized to transfer \$29,080,192 from the Tobacco Tax Relief Fund to the General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 1998-99.

**Sec. HHH-10. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to April 1, 1998.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **CHAPTER 644**

#### H.P. 447 - L.D. 597

An Act to Amend the Statutes Pertaining to Emergency Medical Services

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 661, §2, is amended to read:

7. Basic emergency medical technician. "Basic emergency medical technician" means a basic emergency medical services' services person who has successfully completed the United States Department of Transportation Maine Emergency Medical Services course for emergency medical treatments and has met the other requirements for licensure at this level.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 161, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The board has one member representing each regional council, and -7 - 10 persons in addition. Of the additional persons, one is a an emergency physician, one an attorney, one a representative two representatives of the public, one a representative of for-profit ambulance services, one a an emergency professional nurse, one a representative of nontransporting emergency medical services, one a representative of hospitals, one a fire services provider and one a representative of notfor-profit ambulance services. The members that represent for-profit ambulance services, nontransporting emergency medical services and not-for-profit ambulance services must be licensed emergency medical services persons. One of the nonpublic members must be a volunteer emergency medical services provider. Appointments are for 3-year terms. Members must be are appointed by the Governor. The state medical director is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 645

H.P. 662 - L.D. 915

#### An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Juvenile Petition, Adjudication and Disposition

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3002, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §113, is further amended to read:

1. Purposes. The purposes of this Part are:

A. To secure for each juvenile subject to these provisions such care and guidance, preferably in