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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§11, as amended by PL 1995, c. 624, §11, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

11. Baxter State Park Authority rangers; option. ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 17851-A, the retirement benefit of a person who qualifies under section 17851, subsection 12 and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of age is computed in accordance with subsection 1 if:

Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 624, §12, is amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

12. Baxter State Park Authority rangers exercising option; retirement before 55 years of age. ~~For~~ Except as provided in section 17851-A, for a person exercising the option provided in section 17851, subsection 12, who makes the payments required in subsection 11, and who retires before reaching 55 years of age, the retirement benefit is determined as follows.

Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§13, as amended by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

13. Fire marshals; option. ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 17851-A, the retirement benefit of a person who qualifies under section 17851, subsection 13 and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of age is computed in accordance with subsection 1 if:

Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 401, §3, is amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

14. Fire marshals exercising option; retirement before 55 years of age. ~~For~~ Except as provided in section 17851-A, for a person exercising the option provided in section 17851, subsection 13 who makes the payments required in subsection 13 and who retires before reaching 55 years of age, the retirement benefit is determined as follows.

Sec. 15. Expenditures in excess of allocations. Expenditures required by this Act of funds other than the General Fund and Highway Fund are authorized to exceed legislative allocations during the 2000-2001 biennium ending June 30, 2001. Appropriate adjustments to basic work programs facilitating these expenditures in excess of allocations must be recommended by the State Budget Officer and approved by the Governor.

Sec. 16. Adjustment of rates. The State Budget Officer after consultation with the Maine State Retirement System shall adjust the employer contri-

bution rates on the effective date of this Act to fully fund this Act on an actuarially sound basis.

Sec. 17. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Salary Plan		
Personal Services	\$98,635	\$200,200
Provides funds to be held in reserve in the event that costs associated with the increase in the normal cost component of the employer contribution rate for retirement costs related to including additional employee groups in the 1998 Special Retirement Plan exceed the amounts available for the Department of Corrections. Because the normal cost component of the employer contribution rate for state employees is actuarially established based on projected salaries as a rate that must be applied to actual salaries, the funds resulting from the application of the actuarially established rate constitute appropriated funds. The funds here specified constitute estimates and not appropriated funds.		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 494

H.P. 811 - L.D. 1134

An Act to Extend the Maine Residents Property Tax Program to Persons Living in Subsidized Housing Who Receive Certain Disability Payments

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §33, is further amended to read:

A. Whose housing costs for the year for which relief is requested were subsidized by government programs that limit housing costs to a percentage of household income, except that the exclusion provided by this paragraph does not apply to persons receiving social security disability or supplemental security income disability benefits.

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

	1999-00	2000-01
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine Residents Property Tax Program		
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,538
Provides funds to expand the program to persons living in subsidized housing who receive social security disability or supplemental security income disability benefits.		

Sec. 3. Retroactivity; application. This Act applies retroactively to August 1, 1999 and applies to claims filed on or after August 1, 1999.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 495

H.P. 762 - L.D. 1085

An Act to Amend the Qualifications for Participation in the High School Aspirations Incentives Program

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4772-A is enacted to read:

§4772-A. Student eligibility; exception

A secondary school student who does not meet the requirements of section 4772, subsection 2 is eligible under this chapter if that student:

1. Enrolled as sophomore. Is enrolled in grade 11 or higher in the student's school unit;

2. Recommendation. Has received a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or courses at an eligible institution from the student's school administration following an assessment of the student by the school administration; and

3. Approval. Has been approved for participation in a course or courses by an eligible institution.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 496

H.P. 1367 - L.D. 1965

An Act to Establish the Maine Dental Education Loan Program

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§7-C is enacted to read:

<u>7-C.</u>	<u>Advisory</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>20-A</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>Committee on</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>MRSA</u>
	<u>Dental</u>		<u>§12304</u>
	<u>Education</u>		

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 426 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 426

MAINE DENTAL EDUCATION AND RECRUITMENT

§12301. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Authority. "Authority" means the Finance Authority of Maine.

2. Chief executive officer. "Chief executive officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine.

3. Maine resident. "Maine resident" means a person who has been a resident of the State for a minimum of 2 years at the time of the person's entry to dental school for purposes other than education, as