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(EMERGENCY) FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2119

S. P. 707 In Senate, January 2, 1974 Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Payments in Behalf of Maine Students at Out-of-State Graduate Schools.

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

Whereas, Maine has established a policy of aiding Maine students who attend New England schools of dentistry and medicine; and

Whereas, the 106th Legislature by chapter 148 of the private and special laws of 1973 changed the "rules" as to the basis of financial assistance to such Maine students; and

Whereas, to prevent undue hardship on Maine students and to keep good faith with those students who were already attending or accepted at such out-of-state institutions as of July 5, 1973, the following legislation is vitally necessary to exempt such students from the effects of the financial tests established by said chapter 148; 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:

P. & S. L., 1973, c. 148, § 1, Section A, amended. That part of Section A of section 1 of chapter 148 of the private and special laws of 1973 under the

caption "EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF", is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end of that part relating to "Grants, Loans and Scholarship Programs" to read as follows:

The financial tests established by the 2 preceding paragraphs shall not apply to students who have already started to pursue their dental and medical studies by being enrolled or accepted as of July 5, 1973.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.