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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" B" to H.P. 1865, L.D. 2359, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Certain Bureaus in the Department of Finance and Administration."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§10." in section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§10. Weekly payment of wages: exceptions

All state officers and employees, ~~except temporary and seasonal employees,~~ shall be paid their salaries or wages weekly biweekly, the dates of payment to be determined by the State Controller. Any state officer, whose salary is established at an annual rate, shall receive weekly biweekly a sum which will, in the year's aggregate, most nearly equal the annual rate. Payment may be made once in each calendar month ~~or fortnightly~~ to such state officers and employees as consent to such time of payment. ~~Temporary and seasonal employees of the State shall be paid at such times as the Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall specify.~~

Further amend said Bill in section 9 by striking out all of the first paragraph of that part designated "§1666." and inserting in place thereof the following:

The Governor-elect or the Governor, with the assistance of the State Budget Officer, shall review the budget estimates, altering, revising, increasing or decreasing the items of said estimates as may be deemed necessary in view of the needs of the various departments and agencies and the total anticipated income of the State Government during the ensuing fiscal year. Such review shall cover all budgets regardless of source of funds, including, but not limited to, budgets related to the Highway

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Fund, the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund and other special revenue funds. The State Budget Officer, at the direction of the Governor-elect or the Governor shall then prepare a state budget document in the form required by law. The Governor-elect or the Governor shall be fully responsible for all budgetary recommendations made to the Legislature. The Governor shall transmit said budget document to the Legislature not later than the close of the 2nd week of the legislative session. A Governor-elect to his first term of office shall transmit said budget document to the Legislature not later than the close of the 6th week of the legislative session.

Further amend said Bill in section 10 by striking out in the next to the last line (same in L.D.) the underlined figure "\$500" and inserting in place thereof the following: '\$250'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 11. Appropriation reduction. There is reduced from the appropriation from the General Fund to the Bureau of Accounts and Control the sum of \$27,750 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 to carry out the purposes of section 1. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Accounts and Control

All Other (\$27,750)

Provides for reduced computer costs due to implementation of biweekly payrolls for state officers and employees.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that temporary and seasonal employees shall also be paid biweekly, sets a time limit by which the Governor or Governor-elect shall have transmitted the budget document to the Legislature and clarifies the budget review requirements. It also adjusts the limit below which competitive bidding may be waived by the State Purchasing Agent, deletes reference to the registry of suppliers to the State, and adds an appropriation reduction to reflect the savings of implementing biweekly payrolls.

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