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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Extend the National School Breakfast Program.

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

20 MRSA § 1053, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 62, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Required participation. The commissioner, with the authorization of the board, shall require:

- A. All public schools to participate in the National School Lunch Program;**
- B. Any public school designated as especially needy to participate in the National School Breakfast Program by July 1, 1983. An especially needy school shall be defined as one where 40% or more of the children attending are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the then current federal regulations; and**
- C. The commissioner, with the approval of the board, may waive the requirements of paragraph B if federal reimbursement rates are decreased or fail to keep pace with the cost of providing a free breakfast to eligible students.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This new draft requires schools where 40% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals to participate in the National School Breakfast Program by July 1, 1983. The commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, may waive this requirement if federal funds are withdrawn.