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Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative SMALL of Bath, Representative JOSEPH of Waterville and Representative CARTER of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Collection of Fees for General Educational High School Equivalency Certificates.

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(EMERGENCY)

1	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
····3	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
5	Whereas, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
3	has an ongoing program to supervise high school equivalency
7	courses and examinations; and
9	Whereas, the department's revenues from the examination fees do not cover the total cost of the department's responsibilities
11	for the program and will result in a shortfall of between \$22,000 and \$25,000 if changes do not take effect before 90 days after
13	the close of the Legislature; and
15	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
17	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
19	safety; now, therefore,
21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §257, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 774, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
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27	3. Fees. No fee may be charged for the issuance of any high school equivalency certificate.
29	<pre>Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15002-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 774, §7, is repealed.</pre>
31	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
33	preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.
35	STATEMENT OF FACT
37	Food derived from the apparement for the inquance of general
39	Fees derived from the assessment for the issuance of general equivalency certificates provide for less than 1/3 of the funds required to administer the genearl educational diploma program.
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43	Additional financial resources are no longer available due to decreased revenues earned in the Permanent School Fund and reduced federal administrative allowances under the Adult Basic
45	Education Act. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services has submitted an appropriation request to maintain the
47	general educational development program from the General Fund so a separate funding mechanism is no longer needed.