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117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1996

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No. 1779

S.P. 698

In Senate, February 13, 1996

An Act to Extend Certain Reporting Deadlines.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

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

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6 **Whereas,** the Task Force to Monitor Deregulation of
Hospitals, the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic
8 Engineering, the Judicial Compensation Commission, the Director
of the State Planning Office, the Home School Study Committee,
10 the Commission on Higher Education Governance and the Task Force
on Tax Increment Financing require additional time in order to
12 complete in a comprehensive and meaningful manner the tasks
assigned by law; and

14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1701, sub-§13,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 451,
§1, is amended to read:

24 **13. Biennial report required.** No later than December 1st
26 of each ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year, the commission shall
make its biennial report to the joint standing committees of the
28 Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations matters and
judicial matters. The biennial report must include findings,
30 conclusions and recommendations as to the proper salary and
benefits, including retirement, to be paid from the State
32 Treasury and other sources for all justices and judges of this
State. The commission is authorized to submit with its report
34 any proposed legislation the commission determines necessary to
implement these recommendations.

36 **Sec. 2. PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. W, §12, sub-§1** is amended to read:

38 1. The Task Force to Monitor Deregulation of Hospitals,
40 referred to in this section as the "task force," is established
and may review the recommendations of the Maine Health Care
42 Reform Commission. The task force shall monitor the impact of
deregulation on health care providers and consumers, propose
44 recommendations concerning data collection and financial analysis
and recommend statutory changes to implement the elimination of
46 regulatory functions of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission.

48 The task force shall report to the Legislature no later than
~~December~~ February 15, 1995 1996 its findings and recommendations

2 concerning the collection of clinical and financial data and the
3 development of a financial analysis capability.

4 **Sec. 3. PL 1995, c. 395, Pt. Q, §7** is amended to read:

6 **Sec. Q-7. Report.** The commission shall submit a an interim
7 report to the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing
8 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by March 1, 1996 that
9 must address the following issues: access to opportunity for
10 higher education in Maine; systems and inter-system governance
11 structures and opportunities for improvement; and community
12 college issues. The commission shall also submit a work plan and
13 budget to the Legislative Council. A final report outlining its
14 the commission's findings pursuant to section 4 of this Part,
15 together with any necessary implementing legislation, must be
16 submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature
17 no later than ~~December 15, 1995~~ June 30, 1996. The commission
18 must meet the deadline for the interim report and must submit a
19 work plan and budget in order for the commission to be authorized
20 to continue working until June 30, 1996.

22 **Sec. 4. PL 1995, c. 465, Pt. C, §1, sub-§1** is amended to read:

24 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
25 Director of the State Planning Office shall assume all remaining
26 duties and responsibilities of the former Maine Waste Management
27 Agency, its officers and its executive director, including
28 administration of any rules adopted by that agency relating to
29 these remaining duties. By ~~December 1, 1995~~ March 1, 1996, the
30 director shall submit legislation to the Second Regular Session
31 of the 117th Legislature to revise all remaining references to
32 the Maine Waste Management Agency in the Maine Revised Statutes
33 to conform to the intent of this Act.

34 **Sec. 5. Resolve 1993, c. 62, §4**, as amended by Resolve 1995, c. 9,
35 §1, is further amended to read:

38 **Sec. 4. Report completed. Resolved:** That the Home School Study
39 Committee shall submit its report, including any necessary
40 legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 117th
41 Legislature and the Governor no later than ~~November 15, 1995~~
42 February 23, 1996.

44 **Sec. 6. Resolve 1993, c. 72, §7**, as amended by Resolve 1995, c. 7,
45 §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

46 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
47 its report with any accompanying legislation to the ~~First~~

2 Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by November-1,
3 1995 February 15, 1996; and be it further

4 **Sec. 7. Resolve 1995, c. 51, §9** is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit
7 its reports with any accompanying legislation to the Second
8 Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by ~~December-15,--1995~~
9 January 31, 1996; and be it further

10 **Sec. 8. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to
11 November 1, 1995.

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
13 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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19 **20** This bill extends the reporting dates of the Task Force to
20 Monitor Deregulation of Hospitals, the Commission to Study
21 Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, the Judicial Compensation
22 Commission, the Director of the State Planning Office, the Home
23 School Study Committee, the Commission on Higher Education
24 Governance and the Task Force on Tax Increment Financing.