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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Human Rights Commission	
Personal Services	(2) \$18,242
All Other	12,525
Capital Expenditures	150
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	\$30,917

Provides funds for the establishment of a 5-member Human Rights Commission, one executive secretary and one clerk-stenographer with funds for legal counsel and related operating expense and equipment.

Sec. 6. **Effective date.** This Act shall be effective July 1, 1972.

Effective July 1, 1972

Chapter 502

AN ACT Broadening the Scope of the Uniform Agricultural Cooperative Association Act.

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

Whereas, independent agricultural contractors of the State of Maine are unable to secure reasonable terms and conditions for their contracts for growing or raising agricultural products; and are not covered by existing laws protecting agricultural producers or employees and therefore require the benefits of organization furnished by the Uniform Agricultural Cooperative Association Act; 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:

R. S., T. 13, § 1774, sub-§§ 6-A, 6-B and 8-A, additional. Section 1774 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new subsections 6-A, 6-B and 8-A, to read as follows:

6-A. Independent agricultural contractor. "Independent agricultural contractor" means a person who grows under contract as his primary activity or as part of a general agricultural activity.

6-B. Marketing contract. "Marketing contract" includes a contract related to the marketing of agricultural products and a contract by an inde-

pendent agricultural contractor for furnishing services and facilities in raising or growing agricultural products.

8-A. Producers. "Producers" includes independent agricultural contractors.

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

Effective June 24, 1971

Chapter 503

AN ACT to Relieve Certain Elderly Householders from the Extraordinary Impact of Property Taxes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 36, Part 9, additional. Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new Part 9 to read as follows:

PART 9

CHAPTER 901

THE ELDERLY HOUSEHOLDERS TAX RELIEF ACT

§ 6101. Short title

This Part may be cited as the "Elderly Householders Tax Relief Act."

§ 6102. Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to provide relief, through a system of grants, to certain elderly persons who own or rent their homestead.

§ 6103. Definitions

As used in this Part:

1. Claimant. "Claimant" means a person who has filed a claim under this Part and was domiciled in this State and owned or rented a homestead in this State during the entire calendar year preceding the year in which he files claim for relief under this Part. When 2 individuals of a household are able to meet the qualifications for a claimant, they may determine between them as to who the claimant shall be. If they are unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the State Tax Assessor and his decision shall be final. If a homestead is occupied by 2 or more individuals, and more than one individual is able to qualify as a claimant the individuals may determine among them as to who the claimant shall be. If they are unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the State Tax Assessor and his decision shall be final.