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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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ary as from the best evidence they can obtain may appear to them just and reasonable, and they may employ, within the limits of available funds, such experts and consultants as they may think proper to assist them in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 3. Agreement. If mutual agreement is reached, it shall be reduced to writing in the form of a compact and then signed by the commissioners of each state or by at least a majority of each body. Such compact shall be thereupon submitted by the respective commissioners to the legislatures of the 2 states for approval by appropriate legislative acts. Upon approval by legislative act by both states, such compact shall become provisionally effective and binding upon this State, subject only to the consent and approval of the Congress of the United States.

Sec. 4. Approval of compact. The commissioners on the part of this State, together with the commissioners appointed by the State of New Hampshire, shall have the power to apply to the Congress of the United States for its consent or approval of the compact entered into by said states. Upon the consent and approval thereof by the Congress, such compact shall become final and binding upon the State of Maine and shall be filed in the office of its Secretary of State.

Sec. 5. Vacancy. If a vacancy shall occur by death, resignation or otherwise of those appointed as commissioners for the State of Maine, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall fill the same.

Sec. 6. Limitation. If the commissioners on the part of this State shall be unable to reach agreement with the commissioners appointed by the State of New Hampshire 3 years after October 1, 1971, their powers shall terminate; otherwise their powers shall continue so long as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Sec. 7. Expenses. The commissioners shall receive their necessary expenses in the performance of their official duties and such reasonable per diem as may be fixed by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the commission the sum of \$7,500 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund, to carry out the purpose of this Act, which shall not lapse but shall be a continuing carrying account.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 132

AN ACT Providing for a Feasibility Study of Alternative Methods for Crossing Fore River.

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

Sec. 1. Study. The State Highway Commission is authorized and directed to study the feasibility and cost of alternative methods of crossing the

Fore River between the Cities of Portland and South Portland, in the County of Cumberland, to replace or supplement the existing state highway bridge between said cities, referred to as the Portland Bridge. This study may include consideration of high level bridges or tunnels and financing alternatives including tolls.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the income to the General Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 the sum of \$35,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 133

AN ACT Providing Funds for Shalom House, Inc., a Halfway House, in Portland.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to Shalom House, Inc., a halfway house, the sum of \$35,000 to aid in the operation of Shalom House, Inc., which offers patients returning from mental institutions an opportunity to reintegrate gradually into society.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 134

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Establish Kidney Disease Treatment Services.

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

Sec. 1. Establish kidney disease treatment services. The Department of Health and Welfare is authorized to assist the Maine Medical Center to develop a center for providing end stage kidney disease treatment services, and, where feasible, to provide similar or related services to patients in their homes or in other institutions. For this purpose, the Department of Health and Welfare may make contracts or grants to assist in preparing detailed plans for the development of such services. The Department of Health and Welfare may make grants to help recruit, train or otherwise assure the necessary technical or professional staff. The department may make grants for the purchase of services, equipment or supplies, for minor physical plant remodelling or to assure the operation of the center by operational subsidy. Charges made to patients by, or in behalf of, the Maine Medical Center shall reflect the financial assistance made available through this Act. The department shall have authority to require that its approval of the plans for the development and operation of the center shall be a condition for providing assistance through this Act.