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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature
1ST SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 2, 1974 TO MARCH 29, 1974
AND BY THE
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 1, 1975 TO JULY 2, 1975

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

AT THE
SPECIAL SESSION

January 2, 1974

to

March 29, 1974

Personnel to operate the satellite vocational education program shall be nominated by the superintendent of schools operating the satellite vocational education program, in consultation with the director of the regional technical-vocational center and shall be approved by the school committee or board of directors where the program is located. Personnel working in satellite vocational education programs shall be supervised by the director of the regional technical-vocational center, who shall make recommendations to the local superintendent of schools.

The State Board of Education shall approve satellite centers in conjunction with existing regional technical-vocational centers, such satellite centers to be financed through available funds.

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

Effective February 8, 1974

CHAPTER 674

AN ACT Relating to a State-wide Food Stamp Program.

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

Whereas, uncertainty will exist as to full funding of County Food Stamp Programs if allowed to become effective 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be enacted as an emergency in order to assure full funding of the essential programs on July 1, 1974; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3104, repealed and replaced. Section 3104 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 463 of the public laws of 1971 and as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3104. State-wide food stamp program

The department is authorized to administer a state-wide food stamp program in accordance with the related requirements and regulations of the United States Departments of Agriculture and Health, Education and Welfare. The department is also authorized to cooperate with and participate in the administration of food distribution programs in conformity with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The department is also authorized to pay the costs of issuance of food stamps from its existing appropriations for general assistance or from other available funds.

There shall be established as of July 1, 1974 a state-wide food stamp program in accordance with this section.

The State shall pay $\frac{2}{3}$ and each county shall pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of the administrative costs for the operation of the program in said county, exclusive of the direct costs of issuance of stamps.

The department is authorized to determine the costs of administration for the counties and to enter into any necessary contracts or agreements with the counties for the purposes of this section.

The counties shall pay their share of the costs of their program by making advance quarterly payments to the Department of Health and Welfare.

Sec. 2. Authorization. The county commissioners of the several counties shall be authorized to borrow funds to operate and administer such a program for the year 1974-75.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$550,374 to cover administration costs of certifying eligibility under section 1 of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1974-75

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration of state-wide food stamp program

Personal Services	(180)	\$475,706
All Other		53,334
Capital Expenditures		21,334
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		\$550,374

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

Effective February 8, 1974

CHAPTER 675

**AN ACT Permitting the Supreme Judicial Court
to Modify the Rules of Evidence.**

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

R. S., T. 4, § 9-A, additional. Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 9-A to read as follows: