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Legislation establishing any optional program, if enacted, shall have an effective date not earlier than the date of enactment. The legislation will not provide for retroactive payments on behalf of any potential beneficiary.

The appropriation provided herein shall not be expended for any administrative costs, nor expenditures related to administration or operation of any department program except to cover the actual "mandatory" payments due, payable and received by beneficiaries of the Supplemental Security Income Program. The funds shall not be expended to cover personnel, all other, or capital expenditures related to or formerly provided for under the Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program and its appropriations.

Any unexpended balance of this appropriation remaining with the department or the Social Security Administration may be carried forward only to the next quarter of the fiscal year for expenditure in accordance with this Act.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$1,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 to make so-called "mandatory" payments to beneficiaries of the Supplemental Security Income Program who receive payments under the State's former Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program based on eligibility established for the month of December, 1973. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1973-74

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Supplemental Security Income Program—Mandatory All Other

\$1,300,000

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

Effective January 18, 1974

CHAPTER 171

AN ACT to Provide for Special Motor Vehicle License Plates Observing the Bicentennial of the American Revolution.

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

Sec. 1. Authority. The Maine State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, established under the private and special laws of 1971, chapter 158, is authorized to design, distribute and sell commemorative bicentennial simulated motor vehicle registration plates. The commission, in its discretion, may license the design, distribution and sale of such plates. The commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate with respect to the design, distribution and sale of commemorative bicentennial simulated motor vehicle registration plates. No such plates shall be sold, distributed or displayed which are not approved by the commission. 488 CHAP. 172

Sec. 2. Use. Residents of Maine may display one plate on the front of any registered motor vehicle from July 1, 1974 to January 1, 1977. The bicentennial plates are not to be used in lieu of regular registration plates, nor are they required to be displayed on a motor vehicle. The regular front registration plate of a motor vehicle may be removed and the bicentennial plate displayed in its place. Nonresidents may purchase plates. They may display one plate on the front of a motor vehicle registered in another state while operating in this State.

Sec. 3. Fees. The price of the plates shall be determined by the commission. The funds received by the commission from the sale of such plates or licenses granted for the design, distribution or sale of such plates shall be expended by the commission for the observance of the 200th anniversary of the bicentennial of the American Revolution and for other lawful purposes of the commission.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 172

AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys for Legislative Expenditures.

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

Whereas, sufficient funds are not available to cover the expenses of the First Special Session of the 106th Legislature; and

Whereas, funds now available for legislative expenditures do not include funds for the operating costs of the current special session; 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:

Appropriation for legislative expenditures. In order to provide for the necessary legislative expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulation, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1973-74

DEPARTMENT

Legislative Expense Personal Services All Other

\$312,000 347,600

Total

\$659,600