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gency 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:

20 MRSA § 3717 is enacted to read:

§ 3717. School budget adoption period extended

Notwithstanding any provision of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may during the current or ensuing fiscal years 1975 and 1976 adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to May 1, 1975. Municipal officers and school directors or trustees may not certify to the assessors any amount to be raised by taxation until such time as a final budget has been approved that includes the total educational cost estimates for the current or ensuing fiscal year. Expenditures may be made by municipalities or school districts after the commencement of, and prior to adoption of a final budget for, the current or ensuing fiscal years 1975 and 1976 based on interim or partial budgets adopted by the municipal officers, boards of directors of School Administrative Districts, or boards of trustees of community school districts. A final budget approved by a municipality or school district prior to the effective date of this Act may be reconsidered and any warrants issued to assessors pursuant to such adopted budgets may be revoked.

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

Effective February 27, 1975

CHAPTER 16

AN ACT Establishing Special License Plates for the Handicapped.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 127, is further amended to read:

On annual application to the Secretary of State, with the payment of \$1, any handicapped person who has registered a motor vehicle shall be issued a ~~special designating tag~~ set of special designating plates to be used in place of the regular registration plates or placard to be fixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle registered by such a person. Such ~~tag or~~ placard shall be so affixed that the information thereon shall be clearly legible from outside the motor vehicle. Such ~~tag or~~ placard issued under this section shall include the motor vehicle registration plate number of the vehicle registered in the name of the handicapped person.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 252, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 218, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

An application under this section shall be accompanied by the certificate of a physician as to that person's physical disability. Those persons who are found by their physicians to have permanent handicaps shall not be required to submit annual certificates following their initial qualification.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 252, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 218, § 1, is amended to read:

Any person other than a handicapped person issued a ~~tag~~ set of special designating plates or placard under this section shall be subject to a \$100 fine for use of the special designating ~~tag~~ plates or placard. The special designating ~~tag~~ plates or placard shall be suspended if improper use is permitted.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 252, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 127, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

These special designating plates shall bear the International Symbol, easily recognizable at a distance, which indicates that the vehicle is owned by a handicapped person.

Sec. 5. 30 MRSA § 2151, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, sub-¶ (2), as enacted by PL 1967, c. 218, § 2, is amended to read:

(2) Any motor vehicle registered ~~and operated~~ by a handicapped person shall be exempt from any parking meter fare when said vehicle properly displays a ~~tag~~ special designating plates or placard issued in accordance with Title 29, section 252, and shall be permitted to park a length of time which is not to exceed twice the time limit otherwise applicable.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 17

AN ACT Relating to Compatibility of State Income Tax Law with Federal Law.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 5102, sub-§ 11, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 192, is further amended to read:

Any reference in this Part to the laws of the United States shall mean the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and amendments thereto and other provisions of the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes as of ~~January~~ December 31, 1974.

Sec. 2. **Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective as to tax years ending on or after December 31, 1974.

Effective October 1, 1975