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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 271

AN ACT to Designate the Honeybee as the Official Insect for the State of Maine.

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

1 MRSA § 214 is enacted to read:

§ 214. State insect

The honeybee shall be designated as the official insect for the State of Maine.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 272

AN ACT to Fund Public School Education.

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

Whereas, the Legislature has suspended statutory requirements for the timing of passage of school budgets until April 30th; and

Whereas, new state valuations have combined with historic inflation to create unacceptably drastic changes in tax levies in many communities for the support of education; and

Whereas, this legislation should be passed before the assessment of local taxes for 1975; 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. 20 MRSA § 220, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 780, § 1, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Total expenditures for purchases of school buses used in transportation of elementary and secondary students approved by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services during any single year shall not exceed \$3,000,000. The amount of this limitation shall be reviewed annually by the Legislature to see if a change is warranted.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3457, first ¶, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sentences, as amended, are further amended to read:

No financial assistance shall be paid until the school construction has been completed and a full report of the cost of said construction and other expenses for major capital outlay purposes is made to the commissioner. The report shall be in such form as the commissioner shall determine and shall