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LAWS
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PUBLIC LAWS
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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:

5 MRSA § 13 is enacted to read:

§ 13. Travel expenses of members of boards and commissions

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, members of any board or commission who are authorized by law to receive travel expenses shall receive necessary expenses for travel only from their place of residence within the State to and from meetings of such board or commission and for any other travel only from their place of residence within the State to and from another location in connection with the official business of and under the specific authority of such board or commission.

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

Effective May 19, 1975

CHAPTER 291

AN ACT Concerning the Definition of Monthly Billing Cycle under the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

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

9-A MRSA § 2.402, sub-§ 3, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:

A billing cycle is monthly if the closing date of the cycle is the same date each month or does not vary by more than ± 5 days from the regular date.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 292

AN ACT to Establish Bailiffs for the Maine District Court.

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

Whereas, District Courts presently do not have bailiffs available in the courtrooms at all times; and

Whereas, the presence of a bailiff is frequently necessary to maintain the decorum of the courtroom; and

Whereas, Judges of the District Court have been threatened in their courts and need the protection of bailiffs; 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:

4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 5, is further amended by adding at the end 3 new paragraphs to read:

The sheriffs of the several counties shall designate and furnish deputy sheriffs to serve as bailiffs in each division of the District Court within their counties, if so requested by the Chief Judge.

Compensation for such service shall be paid for by the District Court out of its General Fund.

In those municipalities where a police officer has been furnished heretofore to serve as bailiff, the Chief Judge may continue to authorize the use of a police officer as a bailiff and the municipality shall be compensated therefor by the Maine District Court out of its General Fund. A person now appointed to serve as bailiff may also serve as court officer for a municipal police department, as provided in this subsection, but shall be compensated only for his services in one capacity.

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

Effective May 19, 1975

CHAPTER 293

AN ACT Redesignating the Department of Health and Welfare as the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of Human Services as the Bureau of Resource Development.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 793, § 1, is amended to read:

The Department of ~~Health and Welfare~~ **Human Services**, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this Title called the "department" shall consist of such bureaus and divisions as may be required to carry out the work of the department.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 793, § 1, is amended to read as follows:

The department shall be under the control and supervision of the Commissioner of ~~Health and Welfare~~ **Human Services**, hereinafter in this Title called