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STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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Sec. 85. Reorganization. All the powers and responsibilities vested in the State Director of Property Taxation and the Bureau of Property Taxation shall, henceforth, be vested in the State Tax Assessor and the Bureau of Taxation, respectively. Wherever in the Revised Statutes the words "State Director of Property Taxation" appear they shall mean "State Tax Assessor" and the words "Bureau of Property Taxation" shall mean "Bureau of Taxation." Wherever in the Revised Statutes the words "Director of the Bureau of Taxation" appear, they shall mean "State Tax Assessor."

Sec. 86. Effective date. Section 85 of this Act shall become effective 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Sec. 87. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$200 to be paid to David P. Mayo of Deer Isle as reimbursement of a fine erroneously paid to the State.

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

Effective July 1, 1975 except as otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 624

AN ACT Pertaining to the Disposition of the Facilities of the Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan.

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

Whereas, the facilities of the former Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan are presently not being used; and

Whereas, no funds are presently available for the maintenance of such facilities; and

Whereas, it is urgent that such funds be made available and that the Bureau of Public Improvements be given the authority to permit utilization of the buildings; and

Whereas, it is desirable that other portions of such facilities be made immediately available for use by the people of Maine; 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:

34 MRSA § 866 is enacted to read:

§ 866. Disposition of the facilities of the former Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan

1. Buildings and surrounding land. All of the land adjacent to and surrounding the institutional buildings as well as the buildings of the former Women's Correctional Center shall be transferred to the Bureau of Public Improvements.

A. The Bureau of Public Improvements shall maintain the buildings at the former Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan on a standby basis until the bureau is able to negotiate a lease or leases with any person, firm, corporation, association or government agency for the use of the facilities. Such lease or leases shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and Council and subject to the provisions of paragraph B.

B. The buildings may be leased in their present condition at reasonable cost to offset the expenses incurred by the bureau to maintain the buildings and surrounding grounds. The maintenance expenses for which the lessee or lessees shall reimburse the Bureau of Public Improvements shall include electricity, heat, water, sewerage services and any other expenses deemed proper and necessary by the bureau. The lessee or lessees shall bear all costs for improvements, major repairs and renovation, which shall be subject to the approval of the bureau.

C. The Bureau of Public Improvements may demolish any building which in the discretion of the bureau is structurally unsafe and unsuitable for present or future use.

2. Land grant to Bureau of Public Lands. All of the open land and timberland north of Norridgewock Avenue, excluding the land immediately adjacent to the institutional buildings, shall be transferred to the Bureau of Public Lands, which shall actively manage the timberlands as a working forest.

3. Land Grant to Bureau of Parks and Recreation. All the land lying between Norridgewock Avenue and the Kennebec River belonging to the former Women's Correctional Center with the exception of the sewerage treatment plant and access thereto shall be transferred to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to be managed by the bureau.

4. The sewerage treatment plant and access thereto at the former Women's Correctional Center shall be transferred to the Bureau of Public Improvements, to be maintained by the bureau for the benefit of any lessee or lessees of the buildings at the former Correctional Center.

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

Effective July 1, 1975

CHAPTER 625

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act by Creating a Loans-to-Lenders Program and Making Changes to Improve the Efficiency of Using Federal Housing Funds.

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

Whereas, the national economy has declined recently, causing serious economic dislocation in Maine and particularly serious difficulty to the housing construction industry in Maine; and