

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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State to enter into openend credit transactions by solicitation either personally, by an agent or by mail and the goods, services or proceeds are delivered to the consumer in this State and payment to the creditor is made from this State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1976.

Effective July 1, 1976

CHAPTER 659

AN ACT to Repeal the Prohibition in the Criminal Statutes against Marathon Dances and Walkathons.

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

Whereas, marathon dances and walkathons are a useful method of raising funds for charitable purposes; and

Whereas, chapter 499 of the Public Laws of 1975, the Maine Criminal Code, which was to become effective on March 1, 1976, repealed a statutory prohibition against marathon dances and walkathons; and

Whereas, several charitable organizations, in reliance upon the original effective date of the criminal code, planned marathon dances within the month of March in order to raise funds for charity; and

Whereas, the Legislature, by chapter 649 enacted during this special session, delayed the effective date of the criminal code; and

Whereas, these organizations have expended time and funds and made commitments which now cannot be easily reversed; and

Whereas, in order to avoid unnecessarily harmful effects of this delay on these charitable organizations, the repeal of the statutory prohibition against dance marathons and walkathons must not be delayed beyond March 1st; 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:

17 MRSA § 3959 is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect March 1, 1976.

Effective March 1, 1976

CHAPTER 660

AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to Funding of Public Schools.

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

Whereas, the education of the youth of Maine and providing funds therefor is a prime obligation of government and is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship on those Maine citizens who are vitally interested in educating the youth of the State; 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 § 358, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 510, § 18, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures for bus purchases approved by the commissioner shall not be included within expenditure limitations placed on administrative units by other sections of this Title. The commissioner is directed to encourage administrative units, whenever possible, to pay for the cost of new buses from current funds rather than from short-term loans.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA c. 512-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 512-A

THE SCHOOL FINANCE ACT OF 1976

§ 3741. Short title

This chapter may be cited as The School Finance Act of 1976.

§ 3742. Intent