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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
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Sec. 12. Other towns may join. Towns and plantations not now belonging to, or not now a part of, said district as enumerated in section 1, may be included within the district provided that the town or plantation seeking to join votes by a majority vote at a meeting legally called and held, to join said district and the voters of the district by majority vote at a district meeting called and held for that purpose shall vote to authorize the addition of the requesting town or plantation. The provisions of section 10, insofar as apt, shall apply to any such district meeting. Said town or plantation must assume a proportionate share of any outstanding indebtedness of the district then existing.

Sec. 13. Acceptance subject to referendum. This Act shall take effect only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the towns and plantations enumerated in section 1 hereof at regular or special meetings called and held for that purpose before January 1, 1976. Such town and plantation meetings shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the registrars of voters shall not be required to prepare, nor the clerks to post, new lists of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters said registrars of voters shall be in session on the secular day next preceding said regular or special meetings.

The municipal clerks shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall the Act Creating Hospital Administrative District No. 5, passed by the 107th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon acceptance by the towns and plantations of the district herein created. If any town or plantation does not vote acceptance of this Act, then such town or plantation shall not become a member of this district. The result of any vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the towns or plantations and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town or plantation clerks with the Secretary of State.

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

Effective June 2, 1975

CHAPTER 72

AN ACT to Make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977.

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

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 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. Allocation of Inland Fisheries and Game funds. In order to provide for the expenditures necessary for the operation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for the next 2 fiscal years—from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976 and from July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulation, are hereby allocated out of any moneys lawfully available to the department. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these allocations on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

		1975-76	1976-77
09000	DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME		
I	Current Services		
0266	Fish & Game—Watercraft Registration & Safety		
	Positions	(10)	(10)
	Unallocated	\$ 178,592	\$ 228,903
0256	Fish & Game—Central Administrative Services		
	Positions	(47)	(47)
	Unallocated	6,104,070	6,052,518
0267	Fish & Game—Snowmobile Registration		
	Positions	(15)	(15)
	Unallocated	336,521	341,139
II	NATURAL RESOURCES		
0264	Fish & Game—Warden Services		
	Positions	(146)	(146)
0365	Fish & Game—Biological Services		
	Positions	(127)	(124)
	Unallocated	620,000	620,000

FISH AND GAME —

Total Current Services	\$7,239,183	\$7,242,560
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Amounting to \$7,239,183 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 and \$7,242,560 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Sec. 2. Reduction of revenue. In the event that actual revenue fails to equal estimates during either year of the biennium, the commissioner shall so report to the Governor and Council and they may temporarily curtail allotments so that expenditures will not exceed the anticipated income.

Sec. 3. Revenue in excess of estimates. Actual revenue, in excess of that estimated and approved by the Legislature, received in either year of the biennium, may be utilized by the department for current programs when recommended by the commissioner and the allotment of such funds is approved by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 4. Unencumbered allocated balances. At the end of each year of the biennium, all unencumbered allocated balances, including existing balances, representing Inland Fisheries and Game moneys shall be set aside in a separate account and may be used for other current programs when recommended by the commissioner and the allotment of such funds is approved by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 5. New programs established by the 107th Legislature. In the event that legislation concerning the department is enacted by the 107th Legislature which requires an expenditure in addition to that now shown in section 1, the department is authorized to carry out the intent of such legislation through the use of such funds as are available. The same procedure as to the allotment of such funds shall be followed as that outlined in sections 1 and 2.

Sec. 6. Additional federal funds. Federal funds received in excess of those shown in section 1 may be utilized by the department when properly allotted through the same procedure as outlined in sections 1 and 2.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Effective July 1, 1975

CHAPTER 73

AN ACT to Create a Commission to Revise the Laws Relating to Medical and Hospital Malpractice Insurance.

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

Whereas, a national crisis is developing with regard to the availability and cost of hospital and medical malpractice insurance; and

Whereas, the effect of this situation is already being felt in the State of Maine; and