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PUBLIC LAWS
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Whereas, the information provided to consumers in this State by the Down Easter's Pocket Credit Guide has proven to be of value; and

Whereas, the continued availability of the Down Easter's Pocket Credit Guide to the people of this State is of great importance; and

Whereas, in order to continue to make these guides available and to support this and future programs of consumer education of the bureau, it is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to the bureau; 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. 9-A MRSA § 6-203, sub-§ 4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. The bureau may charge fees to nonresident individuals and resident or nonresident organizations wishing to purchase educational materials produced and distributed by the bureau.

Sec. 2. Transitional provision. Any fees collected from nonresident individuals and organizations prior to the effective date of this Act shall be allocated to the account of the Bureau of Consumer Protection for its use in consumer education programs.

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

Effective May 18, 1977

CHAPTER 180

AN ACT to Require Telephone Companies to List the Names of a Customer's Spouse in the Telephone Directory if the Spouse so Chooses.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA § 2359 is enacted to read:

§ 2359. Telephone directories

When a telephone company publishes a directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers for distribution to its customers or others it shall, at the request of a customer, include in the directory the full name of the customer, the first name of one other person bearing the customer's last name, the cus-

tomers' address and the customer's telephone number. A telephone company shall not make an additional charge to comply with this section, provided the names are listed in the manner set out in this section. A telephone company shall publish a copy of this section in each telephone directory distributed to a customer.

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this Act pertaining to publication of Title 35, section 2359, in telephone directories shall apply to all telephone directories printed after the effective date of this Act. The provisions of this Act pertaining to the inclusion of additional names in a directory shall apply to all directories published after July 1, 1978.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 181

AN ACT Relating to the Payment of Special Education Tuition and Board for the Fiscal Year 1977.

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

Whereas, the experiences of the past year have demonstrated that it is impossible to accurately project the number of students needing special education programs which require tuition and board expenditures; and

Whereas, based on the experience of the past year, it is impossible to project the number of state wards or the number of students who are voluntarily committed to the state's custody, who are in need of special education tuition and board placement; and

Whereas, based on the experience of the past year, it is impossible to project the number of students moving into Maine who are in need of special education programs; 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:

20 MRSA § 3748, sub-§ 12, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 2, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

During the state's fiscal year 1977 only, the commissioner is authorized to allocate, on a prorated basis, if necessary, money from the unexpended balances of the funds appropriated for special education tuition and board to reimburse local administrative units, which have exceeded their special edu-