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§ 2274. Commissioner to secure state contract student positions

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall directly, or through the New England Board of Higher Education, negotiate with ~~out of state~~ educational institutions to secure positions for state contract students in the fields of **allopathic and osteopathic** medicine, dentistry, **optometry** and veterinary medicine to the extent funds are appropriated and authorized.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA §§ 2276 - 2278 are enacted to read:

§ 2276. Purchase of positions at medical schools

For the academic year 1977-78, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to expend the money appropriated by the Legislature for the purchase of positions at accredited medical schools, up to the amount necessary to purchase up to 20 positions each year, to a total of 80, at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and the same at Tufts University School of Medicine; up to 10 positions each year, to a total of 25, at Tufts School of Dental Medicine; and up to 4 positions each year, to a total of 16, at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University or other accredited school of veterinary medicine; and 4 positions at New England College of Optometry or other accredited school.

For the academic year 1978-79, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to expend the money appropriated by the Legislature for the purchase of positions at accredited osteopathic medical schools, up to the amount necessary to purchase up to 10 positions each year, to a total of 40, at the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

§ 2277. In-state clinical education programs

The Department of Educational and Cultural Services is directed to work with Maine public and private post-secondary institutions, teaching hospitals, health professional associations, other appropriate health care institutions and the contract schools in developing a program to expand clinical education programs for contract students in Maine institutions, consistent with the intent of this chapter to encourage such Maine students to return to the State to practice.

§ 2278. Nonlapsing fund

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended money appropriated by the Legislature under section 2276 shall not lapse, but shall be carried to the following year to be expended by the department solely for the same purpose.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 336

AN ACT Concerning Proof of Residence Required for Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses.

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

12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 16, ¶ B, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 562, § 15, is further amended to read:

B. Willful issuing of resident license to nonresident. It shall be unlawful for a town clerk or agent to willfully issue any resident license to a person not a resident of the municipality in which the license is issued. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of residency to the agent or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or both.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 337

AN ACT to Clarify the Investigatory Authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in Regard to Contested Elections.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA § 1008, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

2. **Election practices.** To administer and investigate any violations of the requirements for campaign reports and campaign financing and to investigate and ~~determine~~ make findings of fact and opinion on the final determination of the results, within the limits of the Constitution of the State of Maine and the Constitution of the United States, of any contested county, state or federal election within this State.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1422-A is enacted to read:

§ 1422-A. Investigations

1. **Investigations.** The commission may investigate and make findings of the fact and opinion on the final determination of the results, within the limits of the Constitution of the State of Maine and the Constitution of the United States, of any contested county, state or federal election within this State. For this purpose, the commission may subpoena witnesses and records and take evidence under oath. A person who fails to obey the lawful subpoena of the commission or to testify before it under oath shall be punished by the Superior Court for contempt on application of the Attorney General on behalf of the commission.

2. **Investigation requested.** Not more than 5 days after completion of the recount proceedings any candidate in a contested election may make written application to the commission requesting an investigation and stating the reasons for the request. The commission shall review the application and shall make the investigation if the reasons stated show sufficient ground for believing that a violation of law affecting the outcome of the election has occurred.