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CHAPTER 556

AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1978 and June 30, 1979.

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

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

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately after July 1, 1977; 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. Salary adjustment determination. All employees whose salaries are set pursuant to Title 2, section 6, as those salaries have been adjusted pursuant to chapter 147, private and special laws of 1975, Part D, section 7, shall receive any general salary increase provided to all state employees subject to the state pay plan which is approved by the 108th Legislature.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1683-A is enacted to read:

§ 1683-A. Incorporation of federal expenditure budget document in state budget document

To satisfy requirements for preparation and submission of a federal expenditure budget document for the first year of any biennium it may be made a part of the state budget document required pursuant to chapter 149. For the 2nd year of any biennium, the federal expenditure budget document shall be prepared and submitted as a separate document, unless a state budget document is prepared pursuant to chapter 149, in which case the 2 documents may be combined.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of Energy Resources the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 and the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES		
Personal Services	(2) \$15,000	(2) \$15,000
To provide funds and positions for distribution of emergency fuel funds.		

Emergency clause; retroactivity. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be retroactive to July 1, 1977.

Effective July 22, 1977, except as otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 557

AN ACT to Permit Municipalities to Renew Motor Truck Registrations.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 52-A, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 99, is amended to read:

With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the renewal of registrations for the operation of automobiles ~~and motor trucks not exceeding 6,000 pounds gross weight~~ and for the renewal of registrations for the operation of motor trucks in which there is no change in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in status defined by the Secretary of State, provided such vehicles are not for hire.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 52-A, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 99, is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 558

AN ACT to Require Drivers License Renewal Examinations.