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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:

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Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 52-A, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 99, is repealed.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

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 545, as amended by PL 1969, c. 137, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 545. Persons required to have vision examinations

Any person who has reached his 40th birthday shall, at the time of the first renewal after that birthday and at the time of each 3rd renewal thereafter to age 65, be required to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination before his motor vehicle operator's license shall be renewed.

Any person required to pass a vision examination under this section may submit an acceptable doctor's certificate setting forth their visual acuity in each eye, both eyes combined and field of vision. The doctor's certificate submitted shall not be accepted if it indicates the vision finding is based on an examination completed over one year prior to the date of application.

Any person required to pass a vision examination under this section who provides satisfactory evidence that he has a valid Interstate Commerce Commission operator's license issued within the past year need not take the vision examination.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on November 1, 1977.

Effective November 1, 1977

CHAPTER 559

AN ACT Exempting from the Sales Tax Sales to Nonprofit Corporations Providing Home Health Services.

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

36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 16, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 4, is further amended to read:

Sales to incorporated hospitals, incorporated nonprofit nursing homes licensed by the Department of Human Services, incorporated nonprofit home health care agencies certified under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended, institutions incorporated as nonprofit corporations for the sole purpose of conducting medical research or for the purpose of establishing and maintaining laboratories for scientific study and investigation in the field of biology or ecology or operating educational television or radio stations, schools and regularly organized churches or houses of religious worship, excepting sales, storage or use in activities which are mainly commercial enterprises.

Effective October 24, 1977