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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
AT THE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 4, 1978 to April 6, 1978

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applicant's care, 20% will be assumed to be applicable to the liabilities for the care for which assistance is being sought. Where an individual is legally responsible for the medical liabilities of more than one applicant in a given year, no more than a total of 20% of his net income before taxes shall be assumed to be applicable to these liabilities. If the applicant has, or those legally responsible for the applicant's care have, or they jointly have, a net worth in excess of \$20,000, and the excess net worth includes cash or readily cashable assets, then 10% of that cash or cashable assets shall be assumed to be applicable to the liabilities for care. If, after the application of all of the above resources, the residual liability, in any one year, for which assistance is being sought is less than \$1,000, no payment shall be made from this fund and only that amount in excess of \$1,000 shall be paid. No reimbursements shall be made for bills already paid. Payments from this fund shall only be made directly to the vendors or providers of care. This section shall not be deemed to create any rights or causes of action against the State in such a vendor or provider of care, his heirs or assigns. When eligibility has been established, the department may make payments from this fund, during the remainder of the year of eligibility, for those goods and services provided for in this section.

In addition to other payments authorized by this section, the department shall, upon receipt of an accounting as authorized under Title 37-A, section 207-A, transfer to the Department of Defense and Veterans Services a sum not to exceed \$10,000 from money appropriated pursuant to this section as reimbursement for costs of rendering emergency medical services, including, but not limited to, the costs of liability insurance.

The Department of Human Services shall adopt and promulgate the additional rules and regulations which may be necessary for proper, equitable and effective administration of this section.

The adoption, amendment or repeal of any rules or regulations governing this section are subject to the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Any balances of funds appropriated for medical expenses under this section shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA § 3283, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 679, § 2, is repealed.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 715

AN ACT to Provide a \$250,000 Grant to the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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

Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

1978-79

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Education — Grant

All Other \$250,000

Provides a capital grant to the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine to be used to complete its preparations before September, 1978 for its first class of students.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 716

An Act to Correct the Inequitable Taxation of Mobile and Modular Homes.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 39 is enacted to read:

39. **Mobile and modular homes.** Sales of used mobile or modular homes and all costs included in the sale price other than cost of materials, except that that amount shall not be in excess of 50% of the sale price of a new mobile or modular home.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

1978-79

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Taxation	
Personal Services	\$15,600
All Other	1,500
Capital Expenditures	1,000

Total	\$18,100
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Effective July 6, 1978