MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

(No laws enacted)

September 6, 1978 to September 15, 1978

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

October 18, 1978

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

December 6, 1978

PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

January 4, 1978 to April 6, 1978

Elderly Householders Tax and
Rent Refund
Personal Services   (3) $ 35,000

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Elderly low cost drug program
All Other   665,000

The amounts appropriated are not to be used
if funds become available from the Federal
Government under a pilot project for elderly
low cost drugs. If the federal funds become
available, the appropriations in this Act shall
lapse to the General Fund.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 719

AN ACT to Allow Intermediate Care Facilities to be Reimbursed under the
Medically Needy Program.

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

Whereas, health care needs constitute the single largest problem for Maine's
elderly; and

Whereas, some older citizens who do not qualify for Medicaid due to the level of
their retirement incomes are unable to afford the cost of medically necessary
nursing home care; and

Whereas, general assistance programs in many municipalities are unwilling or
unable to pay for such cost; 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. 22 MRSA § 3173-A is enacted to read:

§ 3173-A. Medically needy program; certain individuals in intermediate care
facilities

In determining what types of medical care shall be provided to "medically
indigent" individuals, the department shall provide that medically necessary care
in an intermediate care facility shall be included under the provisions of the
medically needy program.

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

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
  Medically Needy Program
    All Other $250,000

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

Effective April 6, 1978

CHAPTER 720

AN ACT to Provide for Refunding of Municipal Claims under the Maine Tree
Growth Tax Law.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 1201, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226,
§ 34, is amended to read:

Franklin County. Townships B.K.P., W.K.R.: 4,R.1; 3,R.2; 4,R.2; 4,R.3.
Townships W.B.K.P.: 1,R.2; 2,R.3; 3,R.3; 2,R.4; 3,R.4; 1,R.5; 2,R.5; 3,R.5; 1,R.6;
2,R.6; 3,R.6; Gore N. 2 and 3,R.6; 1,R.7; 2,R.7; 1,R.8; Gore N. 1,R.8; 2,R.8. Other
townships: D; E; 6,N. of Weld; Perkins; Washington; Freeman; Salem.
Municipalities: Coplin Plantation, Dallas Plantation, Rangeley Plantation, Sandy
River Plantation.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 1201, 6th ¶, last sentence, which relates to Penobscot
County, as repealed and replaced by PL 1965, c. 226, § 34, is amended to read:

Municipalities: Medway Drew Plantation, Grand Falls Plantation, Lakeville
Plantation, Seboeis Plantation, Webster Plantation.