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against departments supported by the Highway Fund, Federal Expenditure Fund, Special Revenue Fund or other funds shall not be adjusted from moneys provided for the General Fund, but shall be paid from funds available to the departments from their own sources.

PART F

Sec. 1. P&SL 1975, c. 78, § 19, as amended by PL 1975, c. 147, Pt. C, § 19, is further amended to read:

Any **unencumbered** balance remaining on June 30, 1976 shall not lapse, but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 1981 to be expended for the same purpose.

PART G

Sec. 1. Working capital advance. The State Controller is authorized to advance the sum of \$250,000 from Unappropriated Surplus to the Maine Forest Nursery, Department of Conservation, in order that the nursery may be put on a self-sustaining basis. The nursery shall utilize a portion of the profits expected from expanded operations to repay this advance at the rate of \$25,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 1982.

PART H

Allocation. From the proceeds of the sale of bonds for planning, construction and equipment of pollution abatement facilities, from July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981, there shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

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05 NATURAL RESOURCES		
06 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		
0252 Municipal Sewerage Construction		
All Other		\$7,000,000

Any unexpended balance shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Effective July 1, 1979

CHAPTER 165

H. P. 437 — L. D. 554

AN ACT to Relate the Qualifying Wage Levels for Unemployment Compensation to the Average Weekly Wage.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 1043, sub-§ 24, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 710, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

24. **Insured worker.** An "insured worker" is an individual who has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 6 times the annual average weekly wage in his base period for insured work. The annual average weekly wage amount to be used for purposes of this subsection shall be that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of his insured status.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 1192, sub-§ 5, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 568, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

For each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on or after January 1, 1980, he has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 7 times the annual average weekly wage in his base period for insured work. The annual average weekly wage amount to be used for purposes of this subsection shall be that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of his insured status.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 166

S. P. 219 — L. D. 761

AN ACT to Authorize Municipalities of Under 2,500 Inhabitants to Permit Persons other than Arborists to Remove Trees within Municipal Boundaries.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1951, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 347, § 1, is further amended to read:

1. **Arborist.** "Arborist" means a person who, for compensation, diagnoses or evaluates the condition of shade or ornamental trees; or solicits, recommends or supervises the treatment of such trees; or in any manner or for any purpose treats or cares for such trees or parts thereof; or takes down or fells such trees by topping or by sections, **except pursuant to a permit issued under section 2051-A**; or for control of any diseases, injuries or insects, sprays or treats by any other method such trees or forest trees.