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expenditure in the same manner as it would be described in the estimate; and

2. Statement as to why availability of federal funds could not have been anticipated. Containing a statement as to why the availability of these federal funds and the necessity of their expenditure could not have been anticipated in time for that expenditure to be adopted as part of the estimates for that particular fiscal year.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 352

H. P. 372 — L. D. 478

AN ACT Concerning Registration of Killed Deer.

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

12 MRSA § 2355, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 425, § 38, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. If any person leaves the woods without taking a deer which he has killed with him, he shall notify a warden within 12 hours as to the location of the deer and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the same in the woods.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 353

H. P. 894 — L. D. 1091

AN ACT to Revise the Lobster Escape Vent Law and Remove its Sunset Provision.

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

Whereas, the lobster escape vent law is causing some serious problems with the location of vents; and

Whereas, the lobster fishing season has begun and traps are already being prepared and set; and

Whereas, changing the location of vents partway through the season is a difficult and time consuming process; 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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6433, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 713, §§ 4-A and 4-B, is repealed and the following is enacted in its place:

1. Vent required. It shall be unlawful to fish for or to take lobsters unless the lobster trap is equipped with unobstructed vents or gaps in the parlor section which are:

A. A rectangular or oblong escape vent not less than 1¾ inches (44.5 mm.) by 6 inches (152.5 mm.) located next to the bottom edge;

B. Two circular escape vents not less than 2¼ inches (57.2 mm.) in diameter located next to the bottom edge;

C. A gap caused by raising, modifying or separating horizontal laths to comply with paragraph A or B;

D. A gap caused by separating or modifying vertical laths to comply with paragraph A;

E. A gap caused by separating both ends of 2 laths 1¾ inches (44.5 mm.) on the top of the parlor section next to the middle bow or supporting frame and directly over the parlor head; or

F. In a wire or plastic trap by a gap created by cutting vents in the side or end to comply with paragraph A or B.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6433, sub-§ 4 as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed.

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

Effective June 4, 1979

CHAPTER 354

H. P. 955 — L. D. 1173

AN ACT to Amend the Employment Security Law Relating to Termination of Coverage.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become