

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Public Transportation

All Other

\$200,000

\$400,000

**Sec. 10. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Aeronautics		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$26,882	\$26,958
All Other	1,400	1,600
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Total	\$28,282	\$28,558

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

Effective June 21, 1979

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## CHAPTER 506

H. P. 943 — L. D. 1177

### AN ACT to Revise the Service Requirements for Maine Veterans to Determine Eligibility for Veterans Benefits.

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

**Sec. 1.** 37-A MRSA § 28, sub-§ 3, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 432, § 4, is further amended to read:

A veteran of the Viet Nam War shall have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 90 days, any part of which occurred after August 4, 1964 and before May 7, 1975, except if he died in service or was discharged for a service-connected disability after such date.

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

	1979-80	1980-81
DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$26,250	\$35,000

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 507

H. P. 278 — L. D. 387

### AN ACT to Provide Funds to Subsidize Adoption of Handicapped Children.

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

Whereas, there exists a pressing need to provide adoptive homes for physically or mentally handicapped, emotionally disturbed or otherwise hard to adopt children; and

Whereas, this bill provides for a greater variety of funding sources for the subsidization of adoption; 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.** 19 MRSA § 541, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 263, and as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The amount of the subsidy may vary depending upon the resources of the adoptive parents, the special needs of the child, as well as the availability of other resources, but may not exceed the total cost of caring for the child if the child were to remain in the care or custody of the Department of Human Services without regard to the source of the funds which would have been used to care for the child. The duration of the subsidy may continue until the cessation of legal parental responsibility.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the