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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:

22 MRSA § 3104, sub-§ 10 is enacted to read:

10. **Supplemental monthly issuance.** Whenever a household receiving food stamps informs the department of a change in circumstances which will result in an increase in its food stamp allotment, the department shall issue a supplemental food stamp allotment to that household for the month in which the change is reported. The supplemental allotment shall represent the difference between the amount for which the household was originally certified in that month and the amount for which it is actually eligible as a result of its reported change in circumstances.

The department shall mail such supplemental allotment within 5 working days of the date that the change in circumstances was reported.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1981.

Effective June 1, 1981

CHAPTER 137

S. P. 145 — L. D. 316

AN ACT to Provide Collective Bargaining Rights to County Employees.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 962, sub-§ 7, as amended by PL 1975, c. 9, is further amended to read:

7. **Public employer.** "Public employer" means any officer, board, commission, council, committee or other persons or body acting on behalf of any municipality or town or any subdivision thereof, or of any school, water, sewer or other district, or of the Maine Turnpike Authority, or of any county or any subdivisions thereof

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 965, sub-§ 1, last paragraph, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 424, § 1, is amended to read:

Whenever wages, rates of pay or any other matter requiring appropriation of money by any municipality or county are included as a matter of collective bargaining conducted pursuant to this chapter, it is the obligation of the bargaining agent to serve written notice of request for collective bargaining on the public employer at least 120 days before the conclusion of the current fiscal operating budget.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 138

H. P. 34 — L. D. 39

AN ACT to Regulate Variable Rate Consumer Credit Transactions under the Consumer Credit Code.

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

9-A MRSA § 3-310 is enacted to read:

§ 3-310. Variable rate transactions

1. In connection with a consumer credit transaction in which the annual percentage rate may vary during the term of the transaction, the creditor shall disclose the following items in writing before the credit is extended:

- A. The fact that the annual percentage rate may increase or decrease during the term of the transaction;
- B. The length of time between written notification of the consumer of any increase in the annual percentage rate and the effective date of the increase;
- C. The maximum amount by which the annual percentage rate may increase at any one time;
- D. The frequency with which the annual percentage rate may increase;
- E. The maximum amount by which the annual percentage rate may increase over the term of the transaction;