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## CHAPTER 191

H. P. 632 — L. D. 713

**AN ACT Relating to the Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters.**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1658-M, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 463, § 3, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

No biennial renewal certificate may be issued by the board during 1982 and any following year until such time as the applicant submits proof satisfactory to the board that during the 2 years preceding his application for renewal, he has participated in not fewer than 16 clock hours of courses of continuing education in fitting and dealing in hearing aids offered by an institution approved by the board. In the initial 2 years of the application of this paragraph, the board may reduce the number of hours of participation required based upon the number of days this paragraph is in effect during those initial 2 years.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 1660, sub-§ 1, ¶K, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 463, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

K. To, during a 2-year period beginning in January 1982, redistribute the expiration dates of the existing licenses so that an equal number expire in each month of even-numbered years, so that all license renewals will occur in the same year;

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 192

H. P. 944 — L. D. 1120

**AN ACT to Establish a Maine Guarantee Authority Reserve Fund.**

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, the current statute provides for transfer of funds from the State Contingent Account to the Maine Guarantee Authority, if funds to meet obligations are required; and

Whereas, such a transfer might seriously deplete the State Contingent Account;  
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.** 5 MRSA § 1511, as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 147, Pt. C, § 7, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**Further, the State Controller is authorized, at the close of each fiscal year, to transfer from the General Fund to the Guarantee Reserve Fund such additional amounts as may be available from time to time up to an amount of \$1,000,000 per year until a maximum of \$10,000,000 is achieved in that fund.**

**Sec. 2.** 10 MRSA § 754, 6th sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 566, § 10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Proceeds received by the authority from the disposal, by sale or in some other means, of property it may have acquired in accordance with section 806 shall be credited either to the Mortgage Insurance Fund, the Guarantee Reserve Fund or the Debt Service Fund as directed by the State Controller.**

**Sec. 3.** 10 MRSA § 802, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, § 33, is amended to read:

The Governor shall transfer to that fund sufficient moneys for the appropriate purpose from the State Contingent Account, **Guarantee Reserve Fund** or from the proceeds of bonds to be issued as provided in this section.

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

Effective April 24, 1981

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## CHAPTER 193

H. P. 266 — L. D. 329

**AN ACT to Exempt Guide Dogs from Registration Fee Requirements During the Raising Period in Foster Homes.**