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STATE OF MAINE
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Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, prior to April 1, 1982, any person claiming an exemption under paragraph C who is receiving any form of pension or compensation from the Federal Government for total disability, service-connected or nonservice-connected, as a veteran, and any person claiming an exemption under paragraph C-1, D, D-1, D-2 or D-3 shall not be required to meet the standards specified in subparagraphs (1) and (2).

Sec. 2. PL 1981, c. 133, § 7 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 7. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Taxation		
All Other	\$36,000	— 0 —

Emergency clause; retroactivity. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be applied retroactively to the property tax year beginning April 1, 1981.

Effective April 30, 1981, unless otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 215

H. P. 643 — L. D. 733

AN ACT Relating to Winter Closing of Town Ways.

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

23 MRSA § 2953, as amended by PL 1979, c. 597, §§ 1 and 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2953. Closing of roads in winter

1. **Announcement of winter closing of roads.** The municipal officers may on their own initiative, or upon petition by 7 legal voters of the municipality, at any time between May 1st and October 1st of any year, set forth that any road or roads, or portion thereof, in the municipality are so located with reference to population, use and travel thereon, that it is unnecessary to keep the road or roads

maintained and open for travel during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April or any part of these months.

2. Notice and hearing. Prior to an announcement under subsection 1, the municipal officers shall hold a hearing on the proposed winter closing of a road or roads or portion thereof. The municipal officers shall place a written notice of the hearing in some conspicuous, public place in the municipality at least 7 days before the hearing.

3. Order of closing. After a hearing under subsection 2, the municipal officers shall file with the municipal clerk any order specifying the location of the road, the months or portions thereof for which it is to be closed and for how many years, not to exceed 10, the closing shall be operative. The legislative body of the municipality shall by vote either approve each order or provide that orders so made by the municipal officers shall be a final determination.

4. Alteration of order. The municipal officers may on their own initiative, or upon petition by 7 legal voters of the municipality, at any time subsequent to one year from the date of a final determination, after notice and hearing, annul, alter or modify the original determination. The municipal officers shall file with the municipal clerk an order specifying any decision to annul, alter or modify, which shall not become final until the legislative body of the municipality by vote either approves each order or provides that orders so made by the municipal officers are a final determination.

5. Appeal. The final determination by the legislative body or the municipal officers may be appealed to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the municipality lies, upon petition by 7 legal voters of the municipality within 30 days after the final determination is made. In an appeal before a board of county commissioners, the decision of the commissioners shall be governed by the standards set forth in this section.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 216

H. P. 893 — L. D. 997

AN ACT to Require Availability of Municipal Ordinances.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2153, sub-§ 4, is amended to read:

4. Application. ~~This section~~ Subsections 1, 2 and 3 shall not apply to ordinances which may be enacted by the municipal officers.