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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:

12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Open and closed season. There shall be the following open season on hunting and trapping bear.

A. There shall be an open season on hunting bear in all areas of the State from May 1st to June 13th and from October 1st to November 28th for the 1981 calendar year.

B. There shall be an open season on trapping bear in all areas of the State from September 1st to October 31st for the 1981 calendar year.

C. There shall be a closed season on using a dog or dogs in conjunction with bear hunting at all times, except from October 1st to the last day prior to the regular firearms season on deer.

D. The commissioner may terminate the spring hunting season on bear if the number of bear harvested during that open season exceeds 500, and he may terminate the fall hunting season on bear if the number of bear harvested during that open season exceeds 500.

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

Effective April 30, 1981

CHAPTER 223

H. P. 1363 — L. D. 1548

AN ACT to Extend the Deadline for the Enactment of Legislation Concerning Education Allocations, Appropriations and Rates.

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

Whereas, the Legislature is required by statute to enact legislation prior to May 1st to provide for school funding; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that that date be extended for the year 1981 in order for the Legislature to meet that obligation; 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. 20 MRSA § 4747, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

The Legislature shall **annually**, prior to **May 15, 1981 and thereafter annually prior to May 1st**, enact legislation which shall:

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 4750, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 220, § 2, is further amended to read:

A. The commissioner shall **annually**, on or before **May 29, 1981 and thereafter annually prior to May 21st**, notify the school committees or school directors of each administrative unit of the amount allocated to the unit.

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

Effective April 30, 1981

CHAPTER 224

H. P. 455 — L. D. 502

AN ACT to Provide for a Closed Season on Black Bear from the First Monday Following Thanksgiving to September 1st.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Open and closed season.

A. There shall be an open season on hunting bear from September 1st to November 30th annually.