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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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

B. There shall be an open season on trapping bear from September 1st to October 31st annually.

C. There shall be an open season on using a dog or dogs in conjunction with bear hunting from September 1st, to the business day next preceding the open season on deer provided in section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph A.

D. The commissioner may shorten the open seasons on bear as established in paragraphs A, B and C in any part of the State provided that:

(1) **The demarcation of the areas with a shortened season follows recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers and railroad rights-of-way; and**

(2) **The decision is made and published prior to January 15th, of any year.**

E. The commissioner may terminate the open season on bear as established in paragraph A, B and C at any time in any part of the State, if in his opinion, an immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting or trapping pressure.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1982.

Effective January 1, 1982

CHAPTER 225

S. P. 210 — L. D. 575

AN ACT to Increase the Fees of the Bureau of Insurance.

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

Whereas, the Bureau of Insurance operates exclusively on dedicated revenues; and

Whereas, unless the revenues dedicated to the Bureau of Insurance are increased immediately, that agency will be unable to continue to carry out effectively the responsibilities given it by law; 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,