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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

September 25, 1981

AND

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

December 9, 1981

AND

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 6, 1982 to April 13, 1982

AND AT THE

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

April 28, 1982 to April 29, 1982

AND AT THE

FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

May 13, 1982

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J.S. McCarthy Co. Augusta, Maine 1981

PUBLIC LAWS

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Program. It is further understood that the Department of Human Services will present to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature any further plans which provide maximum work incentive to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant calculation formula consistent with federal law and regulations. The plan shall insure no reduction in grants in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients with no outside income.

PART F

It is the intent of this Legislature that those programs and functions relating to mental health and mental retardation that are presently funded under Title XX and located in the Department of Human Services shall be transferred to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation effective February 1, 1982. The 2 departments involved shall study how this can best be implemented without any disruption of services and submit a joint report, together with any necessary legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature no later than the end of the first week of the session, and such legislation shall be enacted on or before February 1, 1982. If the Federal Government requires that notification of such change in the block grant administration shall be submitted to them before the actual change can take place such notice shall be submitted by the party responsible in due time for implementation of legislative intent as established by this Part.

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

Effective September 28, 1981.

CHAPTER 535

H. P. 626 — L. D. 709

AN ACT to Increase Eligibility Levels for the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 6108, as amended by PL 1977, c. 686, § 16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 6108. Income limitation

No claim otherwise allowable may be granted to claimants of single member households with household income in excess of \$5,600 in calendar year 1980 and \$6,200 in each succeeding year for which relief is requested; and no claim otherwise allowable may be granted to claimants of households of 2 or more members with income in excess of \$6,700 in calendar year 1980 and \$7,400 in each succeeding year for which relief is requested.

Sec. 2. 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

\$560,000

\$1,098,800

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Elderly Low Cost Drug Program

All Other

\$100,000

\$ 235,000

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act is effective for refunds granted in 1981 for the 1980 calendar year.

Effective March 10, 1982.

CHAPTER 536

H. P. 1716 — L. D. 1703

AN ACT Providing for Conformity with the United States Internal Revenue Code as of December 1, 1981.

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

Whereas, conformity with provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code in the administration of the Maine Income Tax Law is of extreme importance; and

Whereas, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 made numerous changes in the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

Whereas, the economic impact on the State of Maine caused by these changes wrought by the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 is dependent on the future course of our national economy; and

Whereas, the tax savings for taxpayers filing income tax returns in Maine for taxable years ending in 1981 has been determined to be relatively modest; and

Whereas, deviation from the changes in the United States Internal Revenue