

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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**

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AND AT THE

**FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION**

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TITLE 3, SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

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J.S. McCarthy Co.  
Augusta, Maine  
1981

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
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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:

30 MRSA §651-A is enacted to read:

§651-A. Provisional Treasurer

In the event of concurrent vacancies in the offices of county treasurer and deputy treasurer, the county commissioners shall appoint a provisional treasurer who shall serve until a treasurer is chosen and qualified in accordance with section 601. The provisional treasurer shall have all the authority granted to treasurers under this subchapter and be subject to all requirements of this subchapter.

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

Effective January 14, 1982.

## CHAPTER 538

H.P. 1877 - L.D. 1862

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

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

Whereas, the Legislature increased the eligibility levels for the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act under Public Law 1981, chapter 535; and

Whereas, no relief may be given even though all is in readiness until March 10, 1982, when winter will be over, due to the fact that this legislation was not an emergency; and

Whereas, reenactment of this chapter as emergency legislation would provide the needed relief in a timely fashion, which was the original intent of the Legislature; 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. 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. PL 1981, c.535 is repealed.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
<u>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,</u>		
<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Bureau of Taxation		
All Other	\$560,000	\$1,098,800
<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>		
<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Elderly Low Cost Drug Program		
All Other	\$100,000	\$ 235,000

Sec. 4. **Transition provisions.** Claims for refunds under the Elderly Household Tax and Rent Refund Act based

on 1980 calendar year household income may be filed with the Bureau of Taxation on or before April 15, 1982.

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

Effective January 22, 1982.

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## CHAPTER 539

H.P. 1808 - L.D. 1793

**AN ACT to Provide Emergency Powers to  
the Superintendent of the Bureau of Banking  
to Expedite Mergers and Consolidations of  
Financially Troubled State-chartered Financial  
Institutions.**

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

Whereas, the Revised Statutes, Title 9-B, governing mergers and consolidations of state-chartered financial institutions require procedures which are time consuming and costly and the expediency by which some mergers should be accomplished was not foreseen at the time the Maine Banking Code was adopted; and

Whereas, the state of the economy with its continuing adverse impact on the financial industry may warrant immediate action by the superintendent to merge or consolidate financial institutions in order to protect depositors, shareholders or the public; and

Whereas, the federal regulatory agencies presently have the authority to act on merger or consolidation plans in an expeditious manner and the superintendent should have the authority to act in the same expeditious manner and provide concurrent regulatory action; 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: