

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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1985

CHAPTER 448

H.P. 521 - L.D. 741

AN ACT to Create the Maine Rainy Day Fund.

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

Whereas, it is extremely important for the State to begin reducing its debt service costs as soon as possible; and

Whereas, contributions to the Maine Rainy Day Fund will accomplish this goal; and

Whereas, contributions to this fund will be delayed by more than a year if this bill does not become effective before June 30, 1985; 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:

5 MRSA §1513 is enacted to read:

§1513. Maine Rainy Day Fund.

1. Maine Rainy Day Fund. The State Controller shall at the close of each fiscal year transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund an amount not to exceed 1/2 the excess of total General Fund revenues received over accepted estimates in that fiscal year. No accepted revenue estimate shall be increased after adjournment of each First Regular Session of the Legislature except as provided. For the first year of the biennium, revenue estimates for the 2nd year of the biennium may be adjusted once during the Second Regular Session of the Legislature. Accepted revenue estimates may be increased for other fiscal periods only if 1/2 of the increase is appropriated to the Rainy Day Fund at the same time. The fund shall not exceed \$25,000,000 which shall not lapse, but remain in a continuing carrying account to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2. Expenditures from the fund. Appropriations from the Maine Rainy Day Fund may be made by the 2/3 vote of the Legislature upon recommendation of the Governor, but only for prepayment of outstanding General Fund bonds or for major construction. Major construction is defined as being any single project with a total cost of over \$500,000.

3. Investment of funds. The money in the fund may be invested as provided by law with the earnings credited to the fund.

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

Effective June 26, 1985.

CHAPTER 449

S.P. 259 - L.D. 669

AN ACT to Permit Beano on Sundays after Noon.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §312, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 307, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

"Beano" or "Bingo" shall not be conducted on Christmas. "Beano" or "Bingo" may be played on Sunday after the hour of 12 noon. No "Beano" or "Bingo" games may be conducted between the hours of 12 midnight and 7 a.m. The prevailing time for the State of Maine shall be used to determine these hours.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Licensing and enforcement
of beano/games of chance