

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

AS PUBLIC LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

at the

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

September 15, 1988 to September 16, 1988

and the

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

November 28, 1988

AND

AS PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS AND RESOLVES

at the

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

December 3, 1986 to June 30, 1987

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

October 9, 1987 to October 10, 1987

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

October 21, 1987 to November 20, 1987

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Lewiston, Maine
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**PRIVATE AND
SPECIAL LAWS**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

1987

FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Taxation	
Capital Expenditures	\$54,000
<p>Provides funds for purchase of 18 electronic cash accounting machines and 2-year service contracts on them. The machines and the 2-year service contracts shall be purchased by the Bureau of Taxation, but ownership shall transfer to the counties upon installation. Subsequent service and replacement obligations shall belong to the respective counties. A primary function of these machines is to validate the tax payment on declarations of value as required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4641-B.</p>	
Bureau of Taxation	
All Other	\$(6,500)
<p>Deappropriates funds no longer needed.</p>	
TOTAL	\$47,500

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 136

S.P. 760 — L.D. 2023

AN ACT to Provide Emergency Shelter Services to Homeless Youth.

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

Whereas, the Legislature has identified a growing problem of runaway and homeless youth; and

Whereas, funding and program barriers prevent existing programs from serving these youth; 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:

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

1988-89

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Purchased Social Services

All Other \$150,000

Provides funds to contract for shelter and ancillary services for nonadjudicated homeless and runaway youth.

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

Effective May 2, 1988.

CHAPTER 137

H.P. 1506 — L.D. 2056

AN ACT to Supplement Crisis Intervention Services for Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock and Washington Counties.

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

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

1988-89

MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health Services — Community

All Other \$97,510

Provides additional funds to purchase crisis intervention services for Penobscot, Hancock, Piscataquis and Washington Counties as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3621, subsection 2.

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 138

H.P. 1719 — L.D. 2358

AN ACT to Study the Necessity and Feasibility of Establishing a Health Information Recording System.

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

Whereas, increases in the cost of medical care have resulted in increased costs to users of medical services, increasing numbers of Maine citizens without health insurance and record losses to the health insurance industry; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance has significant impact on employers and the economy of the State; and

Whereas, presently, the Legislature does not have the information required to study possible solutions to the escalating costs of insurance premiums to Maine businesses and consumers and losses to health insurers; and

Whereas, in order for this study to be completed by December 15, 1988, work must begin as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 113th 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:

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

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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Study Commission — Funding		
Personal Services	\$1,485	\$3,410
All Other	4,455	5,100
Total	<u>\$5,940</u>	<u>\$8,510</u>

Provides for the per diem, travel and related expenses of a 9-member subcommittee to conduct a study of the necessity and feasibility of establishing a health information recording system, authorized by the Legislative Council. Also provides funds for a limited-period contractual consultant.

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

Effective May 2, 1988.

CHAPTER 139

H.P. 1510 — L.D. 2060

AN ACT to Create a Commission to Examine Rent Increases and Other Issues Concerning Mobile Homes.

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

Whereas, a rapid increase in land and housing costs have made mobile home parks an important housing option for many Maine citizens; and

Whereas, the shortage of mobile home park spaces has led to several recent increases in rent; 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. Commission created; duties. There is established the Commission on Manufactured Housing to examine issues affecting manufactured housing, including mobile home parks and mobile home owners. Among the issues to be examined are: Unreasonable rent increases; the eviction process for removing tenants of mobile home parks; unreasonable rules; unreasonable fees or charges; conduct of real estate agents in the sale of mobile homes; tenants' rights of first refusal when the park is for sale; protection of tenants' organizations; prohibiting the importation of pre-1976 mobile homes into the State or municipalities; the safety of mobile homes; the role manufactured housing plays in providing affordable housing; zoning for mobile homes and mobile home parks, especially as it relates to older mobile homes; municipal regulation of mobile home parks; and any other issues which affect the health, safety and continued viability of mobile home owners, mobile home parks and manufactured housing in general. The commission shall consult with the Maine State Housing Authority and the Manufactured Housing Board which shall provide information and assistance.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. The commission shall consist of 13 members to be appointed as follows: Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 representatives of mobile home park owners and operators, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 representatives of mobile home owners, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by the President of the Senate; one representative of manufacturers and retail dealers from the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine, to be appointed by that organization; one representative of the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association to be appointed by that organization; and one representative of the Maine Municipal Association to be appointed by that organization. The appointing authorities shall make the required appointments by September 1, 1988 and shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council when the appointments have been made.