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D. If a community industrial building remains unoccupied for 3 or more years immediately following completion of the building, the labor market area in which the building is located may be authorized one new community industrial building, provided that:

(1) No more than 2 unoccupied community industrial buildings are financed under this article in a labor market area in which a community industrial building remains unoccupied for 3 or more years; and

(2) No more than one unoccupied community industrial building is financed at any one time under this article in a municipality.

E. The Department of Economic and Community Development shall charge interest on loans or funds provided under this article to the local development corporation for a community industrial building that remains unoccupied for 3 or more years following completion of the building. The department shall adopt rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, with respect to rates of interest, the duration of interest payments and any other terms to which local development corporations shall be subject under this paragraph.

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

Effective May 26, 1989.

CHAPTER 183

H.P. 257 - L.D. 369

An Act to Amend the Special Warehouse Storage Facilities Provision

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

28-A MRSA §1371, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

1. Certificate of approval for special storage facilities. Notwithstanding the importation restrictions of sections 2073 and 2077, the commission may issue certificates of approval authorizing the direct importation of malt liquor, wine or spirits from suppliers located in foreign countries or other states into special warehouse storage facilities located within the State that are under the direct supervision and control of the certificate of approval holder or into a public warehouse with the approval of the commission.

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CHAPTER 184

H.P. 843 - L.D. 1175

An Act to Describe the Division of Southern Cumberland of the 9th Maine District Court

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

4 MRSA §153, sub-§8 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

8. Southern Cumberland. Southern Cumberland consists of the municipalities of Pownal, North Yarmouth, Yarmouth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, Gorham, Gray, New Gloucester and Windham. The District Court for Southern Cumberland shall be held at Portland.

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CHAPTER 185

H.P. 579 - L.D. 783

An Act to Increase Fees for Bail Commissioners

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

15 MRSA §1023, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1987, c. 870, §3, is further amended to read:

5. Fees. A bail commissioner shall receive a fee not to exceed ~~\$17~~ **\$25** for the charges pursuant to which the defendant is presently in custody. The bail commissioner shall submit such forms as the Judicial Department shall direct to verify the amount of fees received under this subsection. The sheriff of the county in which the defendant is detained may create a fund for the distribution by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee for the payment in whole or in part of the ~~\$17~~ **\$25** bail commissioner fee for those defendants who do not have the financial ability to pay that fee.

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CHAPTER 186

H.P. 785 - L.D. 1097

An Act to Conform the Scope of Prior Convictions When Used to Enhance the Penalty for Negotiating a Worthless Instrument

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

17-A MRSA §708, sub-§4, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 198, §2, is amended to read:

B. A Class C crime, if:

(1) The face value of the negotiable instrument exceeds \$1,000 but does not exceed \$5,000; or

(2) The actor has 2 prior convictions for any combination of theft, a violation of section 702, 703 or this section, a violation of section 401 in which the crime intended to be committed inside the structure is theft, a violation of section 651 or attempts thereat at these violations. Determination of whether a conviction constitutes a prior conviction for purposes of this subsection shall be pursuant to section 362, subsection 3 ~~3-A~~, paragraph E;

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CHAPTER 187

H.P. 821 - L.D. 1149

An Act to Increase the Penalties for Forgery

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §702, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §703, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 317, §21, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Violation of this section is:

A. A Class B crime if the face value of the written instrument or the aggregate value of instruments exceeds \$5,000;

B. A Class C crime if:

(1) The face value of the written instrument or the aggregate value of instruments exceeds \$1,000 but does not exceed \$5,000; or

(2) The actor has 2 prior convictions for any combination of theft, violation or attempted violation of this section, violation or attempted violation of section 702 or 708 or any violation or attempted violation of section 401 if the intended crime within the structure is theft, or any violation or attempted violation of section 651. Determination of whether a conviction constitutes a prior conviction for purposes of this subsection shall be pursuant to section 362, subsection 3-A, or

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C. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, forgery is a Class D crime.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §703, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Amounts of value involved in forgeries may be aggregated in the same manner as provided in section 352, subsection 5, paragraph E. Prosecution of an aggregated forgery may be brought in any venue in which one of the aggregated forgeries was committed.

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CHAPTER 188

S.P. 298 - L.D. 796

An Act to Remove the Present Dollar Limit on Funeral, Cremation and Burial Expenses Relative to Restitution by Criminal Offenders

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

17-A MRSA §1322, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 455, §3, is amended to read:

A. **Allowable expense.** "Allowable expense" means reasonable charges incurred for reasonably needed products, services and accommodations, including those for medical care, rehabilitation, rehabilitative occupational training and other remedial treatment and care, and non-medical remedial care and treatment rendered in accordance with a recognized religious method of healing. The term includes ~~a total charge not in excess of \$500~~ reasonable and customary charges incurred for expenses in any way related to funeral, cremation and burial. It does not include that portion of a charge for a room in a hospital, clinic, convalescent or nursing home, or any other institution engaged in providing nursing care and related services, in excess of a reasonable and customary charge for semiprivate accommodations, unless other accommodations are medically required.

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CHAPTER 189

H.P. 721 - L.D. 990

An Act to Ensure Representation on the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS