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

Effective June 15, 1989.

CHAPTER 322

H.P. 1061 - L.D. 1483

An Act to Make General Assistance More Available to Homeless People and Clarify the Definition of Need

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 577, §1, is amended to read:

1. Basic necessities. "Basic necessities" means food, clothing, shelter, fuel, electricity, nonelective medical services as recommended by a physician, nonprescription drugs, telephone where it is necessary for medical reasons and any other commodity or service determined essential by the overseer in accordance with the municipality's ordinance and this chapter.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4304, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 577, §1, is amended to read:

3. Emergencies. In any case when an applicant is unable, due to illness, disability, lack of transportation, lack of child care or other good cause, to apply in person for assistance or unable to appoint a duly authorized representative, the overseer shall accept an application by telephone subject to verification by mail and a visit to the applicant's home with the consent of the applicant. Municipalities may arrange with emergency shelters for the homeless to presume eligible for municipal assistance persons to whom the emergency shelter provides shelter services.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4308, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 489, §§5 and 14, is amended to read:

In order to receive assistance from any municipality, the applicant or a duly authorized representative must make written application to the overseer, except as provided in section 4304, subsection 3, and except that in an emergency the application may be made verbally and assistance shall be granted temporarily. Further assistance shall be granted upon completion of a written application and determination of eligibility.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 323

H.P. 1086 - L.D. 1508

An Act to Regulate Water Flowage over Dams

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §840, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §205, is further amended to read:

1. Power. The board may on its own motion and shall at the request of the owner, lessee or person in control of a dam, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources, or upon receipt of petitions from the lesser of at least 25% or 50 of the littoral or riparian proprietors, conduct an adjudicatory hearing for the purpose of establishing a water level regime and, if applicable, minimum flow requirements for the body of water impounded by any dam that is neither:

A. Licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

B. Authorized under the Federal Power Act, Section 23;

C. Used to store water for a downstream facility licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or authorized under the Federal Power Act, Section 23, provided that the owner of the downstream facility possessed a majority ownership of the upstream dam as of January 1, 1983; nor

D. Operating with a permit setting water levels issued under the ~~great ponds laws, sections 391 to 394; the alteration of coastal wetlands laws, sections 471 to 478; protection of natural resources laws, sections 480-A to 480-S;~~ the site location of development laws, sections 481 to 490; the small hydroelectric generating facilities laws, sections 631 to 636; the land use regulation laws, Title 12, sections 681 to 689; ~~the stream alteration laws, sections 425 to 430;~~ or any other statute regulating the construction or operation of dams.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §840, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 417, §6, is amended to read:

4. Evidence. At the hearing, the board shall solicit and receive testimony, as provided by Title 5, section 9057, for the purpose of establishing a water level regime and, if applicable, minimum flow requirements for the body of water. The testimony shall be limited to:

A. The water levels necessary to maintain the public rights of access to and use of the water for navigation, fishing, fowling, recreation and other lawful public uses;

B. The water levels necessary to protect the safety of the littoral or riparian proprietors and the public;

C. The water levels and minimum flow requirements necessary for the maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat and water quality;