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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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CHAPTER 21

1989-90 1990-91

H.P. 366 - L.D. 497

An Act to Make Allocations from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund and the Public Utilities Reimbursement Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990, and June 30, 1991

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the Public Utilities Commission will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1989; 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. Allocation of the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund. Income to the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund for the next 2 fiscal years, from July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1990, and from July 1, 1990, to June 30, 1991, shall be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

	1989-90	1990-91
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION		
Public Utilities - Administrative Division		
Positions	(46.0)	(46.0)
Personal Services	\$1,868,392	\$2,055,608
All Other	506,608	319,392
Capital Expenditures	11,000	11,000
Allocates funds from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund.		
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION		
TOTAL	\$2,386,000	\$2,386,000

Sec. 2. Allocation of the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund. Income to the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund for the next 2 fiscal years, from July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1990, and from July 1, 1990, to June 30, 1991, shall be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division

All Other \$250,000 \$250,000

Allocates funds from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund for filing fees.

Sec. 3. Adjustments to allocations. Allocations may be increased or adjusted by the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor to specifically cover those adjustments determined to be necessary under any salary plan approved by the Legislature and those reclassifications or range changes which have been approved by the Department of Administration and submitted for legislative review prior to the effective date of this Act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

Effective July 1, 1989.

CHAPTER 22

H.P. 537 - L.D. 734

An Act to Amend the Northern Maine General Hospital Charter to Operate Programs for Disadvantaged Individuals

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

Whereas, the Northern Maine General Hospital, originally incorporated by Private and Special Law in 1907, chapter 84, has the opportunity to provide valuable services to disadvantaged residents of northern Maine; and

Whereas, it is necessary to amend the charter of the corporation to clarify its authority to provide those services; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that those services be available at the earliest possible time; 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:

P&SL 1907, c. 84, §6-F is enacted to read:

6-F. Programs for disadvantaged individuals. The corporation is authorized to establish and maintain programs for disadvantaged individuals.

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

Effective May 11, 1989.

CHAPTER 23

S.P. 529 - L.D. 1463

An Act to Fund 2 Legislative Studies and to Extend the State Compensation Commission's Interim Reporting Date

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses will become due and payable prior to July 1, 1989; 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. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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All Other	\$126,680
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Provides funds for consulting assistance to the Medical Malpractice Liability Study Oversight Committee and the Oversight Committee for the Tax Revenue Study. Any unexpended balances available on June 30, 1989 shall carry forward to June 30, 1990.

Sec. 2. Extension. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2-A, subsection 2, the State Compensation Commission shall submit its first interim report to the Legislature no later than May 15, 1989.

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

Effective May 17, 1989.

CHAPTER 24

H.P. 640 - L.D. 874

An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Study the Implementation of Continuous Relay Services for Deaf, Hearing Impaired or Speech Impaired Persons

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

Whereas, it is the belief of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities that the Public Utilities Commission should make provisions for the establishment of a system to provide continuous telephone relay services for deaf, hearing impaired or speech impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriter equipment for telephone communications; and

Whereas, for the Public Utilities Commission to complete the study outlined in this Act, the commission should start as soon as possible; 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. Public Utilities Commission Study. The Public Utilities Commission shall undertake a study of the implementation of a system to provide continuous telephone relay services to deaf, hearing impaired or speech impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriter equipment for telephone communications.

The study shall include a review of the following topics regarding continuous telephone relay services:

1. Alternative system designs and implementation plans for a statewide system;