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PUBLIC LAWS

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

Sec. 1. 6 MRSA §19 is enacted to read:

§19. Small community air service program

- 1. Small community air service. To promote essential air service, the Department of Transportation may administer a program of subsidies to qualified air carriers, patterned after the federal essential air service program, to ensure that small communities have adequate levels of service. This program must take into consideration a minimum round trip and minimum seating criteria for each eligible point to destinations within the State that provide access into the national air transportation system.
- 2. Eligibility requirements. To be eligible for subsidy, an air carrier must be certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to provide scheduled air service to the eligible point and must demonstrate a need for subsidy. The eligible point must be currently served by no more than one air carrier providing scheduled service.
- 3. Subsidies. The cost of air service subsidies must be allocated between the State and the community desiring to receive new service, with the State providing the percentage of the subsidy for which funds are available and the community providing the balance of the subsidy.
- 4. Adoption of rules. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section. The rules must establish the formula for reimbursement and application requirements.
- Sec. 2. Pilot program. The Department of Transportation shall provide in the rules pursuant to section 1 of this Act for the establishment of a pilot program in 1992 within the funding available for the program to test the feasibility and effectiveness of small community air service subsidies.

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CHAPTER 572

H.P. 430 - L.D. 613

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Postgraduate Education in the Field of Medicine

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

20-A MRSA §11805, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 698, §20 and affected by §76 and amended by c. 700, Pt. A, §60, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

- A. The Finance Authority of Maine may expend the money appropriated by the Legislature, for the purchase of positions at accredited medical schools to purchase:
 - (1) Up to 18 positions each year, to a total of 72 positions, at accredited schools of allopathic medicine;
 - (2) Up to 2 positions each year, to a total of 8 positions, at accredited schools of dentistry;
 - (3) Up to 2 positions each year, to a total of 8 positions, at accredited schools of veterinary medicine;
 - (4) Up to one position each year, to a total of 4 positions, at accredited schools of optometry; and
 - (5) Up to 10 positions each year at a college of osteopathic medicine, to a total of 40 positions. These positions may not be funded by decreasing the number of allopathic positions in subparagraph (1).

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CHAPTER 573

H.P. 1192 - L.D. 1745

An Act Concerning the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA \$11612, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, \$10, is amended to read:

The scholarships shall <u>may</u> be given only to residents of the State who:

- Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA \$11614, sub-\$7 is enacted to read:
- 7. Part-time students. The authority may allocate up to 5% of the student incentive scholarship grants to eligible part-time students. The authority must establish eligibility criteria by rulemaking pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

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