

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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JULY 11, 1991 to JULY 18, 1991

All Other 53,500
 Capital Expenditures 2,650

Provides funds for a Clerk Typist II position for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 1992-93, a computer workstation and general operating expenses to allow for entry into the International Registration Plan.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 TOTAL \$61,982

Effective October 17, 1991.

CHAPTER 599

S.P. 585 - L.D. 1538

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing License Plates and Placards for Disabled Veterans

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

29 MRSA §252-A, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §80, is amended to read:

The Secretary of State on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any 100% disabled veteran when that application is accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits and that the veteran is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted to the use of crutches or braces or otherwise handicapped in such a way that mobility is seriously restricted. A handicap placard ~~shall be~~ is issued in addition to the disabled veteran registration plate and upon payment of a \$1 at no fee.

Effective October 17, 1991.

CHAPTER 600

H.P. 1221 - L.D. 1779

An Act to Create Special Veteran Plates and Emblems

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

Sec. 1. **29 MRSA §252-I** is enacted to read:

§252-I. Special veteran awards and campaigns

The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 242, and upon payment of an additional fee of \$10 shall issue a registration certificate and a set of special veteran registration plates and emblems to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to persons who served in the United States Armed Forces and who:

- 1. Purple Heart.** Were awarded the Purple Heart;
- 2. Combat Infantry Award.** Were awarded the Combat Infantry Award; or
- 3. Bronze Star.** Were awarded the Bronze Star.

4. Certain campaigns. Served in a combat zone and participated in one of the following campaigns:

- A. Iwo Jima;**
- B. Korean Conflict;**
- C. Tet Offensive; or**
- D. Desert Storm.**

Each application must be accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's service in the campaign or verifying that the applicant is a recipient of the award for which the plates and emblems are issued. The special designating plates and emblems are issued specifically to those veterans and are not transferable.

Each special emblem must be approved by the Legislature and designed by the Secretary of State. The designation "Veteran" must appear centered at the bottom of these special plates. The Secretary of State must determine a design that is unique and not duplicated by any other design.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF THE Administration - Motor Vehicles		
All Other	\$113,845	\$5,692

Provides funds for materials and general operating expenses required to manufacture the special veteran license plates and emblems.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 1992.

Effective January 1, 1992.

CHAPTER 601

S.P. 90 - L.D. 175

An Act Related to the Office of Substance Abuse

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§15-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

15-A.	Driver Edu-	\$75/Day	22 § MRSA
Human	cation and Eval-		\$7207
Services	uation Pro-		§20078
Substance	gram Programs		
Abuse	Appeals Board		

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20002, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

§20002. Purpose

The purposes of this Act are:

1. Integrated and comprehensive approach. To adopt an integrated approach to the problem of substance alcohol and other drug abuse and to focus all the varied resources of the State on developing a comprehensive and effective range of substance alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment activities and services; and

2. Single administrative unit. To establish a single administrative unit within State Government, accountable directly to the Governor, with responsibility for planning, developing, implementing and, coordinating and evaluating all of the State's substance alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment activities and services.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §20003, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

1. Alcoholic. "Alcoholic" means a person who habitually lacks self-control as to the use of alcoholic beverages, or uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that the person's health is substantially impaired or endan-

gered or the person's social or economic function is substantially disrupted.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §20003, sub-§§4 and 6, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3, are amended to read:

4. Community service provider. "Community service provider" means a provider of alcohol or drug abuse treatment, including, but not limited to, need evaluation.

6. Department. "Department" means the Department of Human Services Executive Department.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §20003, sub-§§13 to 16, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3, are repealed.

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§§1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 12, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3, are amended to read:

1. State Government. Establish the overall plans, policies, objectives and priorities for all state substance alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment functions, except the prevention of drug traffic and the State Employee Assistance Program established pursuant to Title 22, chapter 254-A;

2. Comprehensive plan. Develop and provide for the implementation of a comprehensive state plan for alcohol and drug abuse. Any plan developed by the office must be subject to public hearing prior to implementation;

5. Budget. Develop and submit to the Legislature by January 15th of the first year of each legislative biennium recommendations for continuing and supplemental allocations, deappropriations or reduced allocations and appropriations from all funding sources for all state alcohol and drug abuse programs. The office shall make final recommendations to the Governor before any substance abuse funds are appropriated or deappropriated in the Governor's proposed budget;

6. Contracts and licensing. Through the director:

A. Administer all contracts with community service providers for the delivery of alcohol and drug abuse services; and

B. Establish operating and treatment standards, and inspect and issue certificates of approval for approved treatment facilities, drug abuse treatment facilities or programs, including residential treatment centers, pursuant to section 20024.

The director may delegate contract and licensing duties under this subsection to the Department of Human Services,