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Whereas, if these bond issues must be delayed due to lack of available state ceiling, the rates and terms under which these bonds may be issued may be adversely affected, resulting in increased costs to beneficiaries or even unavailability of financing for certain projects; 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 to the Treasurer of the State. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1994 previously allocated to the Treasurer of State remains allocated to the Treasurer of State. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1995 is allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 5.

Sec. 2. Allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine. The \$25,000,000 in state ceiling for calendar year 1994 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine, plus an additional \$15,000,000, is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 6. Twenty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1995 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 6.

Sec. 3. Allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1994 previously allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank remains allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7 for calendar year 1994. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1995 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.

Sec. 4. Allocation to the Maine Educational Loan Authority. The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1994 previously allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Authority, plus an additional \$5,000,000, is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 8 in calendar year 1994. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1995 is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan

Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 8.

Sec. 5. Allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority. The \$25,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1994 previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority, plus an additional \$25,000,000, is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4 in calendar year 1994. Twenty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for the calendar year 1995 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority for the same uses.

Sec. 6. Allocation to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation. The \$25,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1994 previously allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation remains allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 8 in calendar year 1994. Twenty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for the calendar year 1995 is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 8.

Sec. 7. Unallocated state ceiling. Forty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1995 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

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

Effective March 30, 1994.

CHAPTER 78

H.P. 1235 - L.D. 1662

An Act to Study Eagle Mortality in Maine

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

Sec. 1. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1994-95

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Nongame Endangered Species

All Other

\$10,000

Provides for an allocation to partially cover the costs of conducting a study on the level of contaminants found in baby eagles.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 79

S.P. 691 - L.D. 1877

An Act to Authorize the Artisans School to Grant Degrees

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

Sec. 1. Degree. The Artisans School, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State, may confer the Associate of Science degree on all students who successfully complete the course of study prescribed by the school, the first degree to be awarded at the end of the 1994-95 academic year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 80

H.P. 278 - L.D. 356

An Act to Establish a Study Group on Energy and the Environment

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

- Sec. 1. Externalities study; study group. The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, the Director of the State Planning Office and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection constitute a study group for the purposes of conducting a study of externalities in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- **1. Duties.** To the extent possible, within available resources, the study group shall:

- A. Create a comprehensive library within the Public Utilities Commission of literature on environmental externalities. In creating the library, the study group shall create a separate file containing available summaries of the literature. The study group shall also identify specifically those portions of the literature that provide methods of evaluating the relative magnitude of different externalities:
- B. Summarize state and federal environmental policies and regulations that presently impact the pricing of regulated and unregulated energy resources in Maine. The study group shall attempt, as far as possible, to quantify these impacts;
- C. For the various energy resources, identify the most significant categories of environmental impacts that are not currently reflected in current pricing; and
- D. Develop recommendations for preferred methods of accounting for the costs to society and the environment of environmental externalities.

For purposes of this section, the term "externalities" means those short-term and long-term impacts, with primary emphasis on environmental impacts, resulting from the extraction, production, transmission, consumption or utilization of energy or energy resources that are not accounted for or quantified in the context of state energy-regulatory decision making. For purposes of this section, "energy resources" includes energy derived from natural gas, coal, nuclear fuel, water, wind, demand-side management, biomass and refuse-derived fuel and petroleum products.

- **Sec. 2. Consultation.** The study group may consult with any state agency, group or person, including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation, the Maine Waste Management Agency, the Public Advocate and the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health.
- **Sec. 3. Reports.** On or before January 1, 1995, the study group shall provide an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters outlining its progress in completing its study pursuant to section 1. On or before January 1, 1996, the study group shall provide its final report, with any accompanying recommendations for legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters detailing the results of its study pursuant to section 1.