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administrative costs incurred by the authority as determined appropriate by the authority.

Sec. E-12. Transition. The Teachers for Maine fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12509 is the successor to the Blaine House Scholars Fund. The fund may be used to provide renewal loans to individuals who received a Blaine House scholars loan and are eligible for renewal of that loan under law in effect at the time the loan was made. Any unexpended balance in the Blaine House Scholars Fund must be carried over for use in the Teachers for Maine fund and repayments required to be made to the Blaine House Scholars Fund must be made to the Teachers for Maine fund.

Sec. E-13. Application. This Part applies only to individuals receiving a first loan in any category on or after January 1, 1996. This Part does not apply to applications for renewals of loans, which are governed by the law in effect when the initial loan was granted.

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

Effective May 17, 1995.

CHAPTER 118

H.P. 626 - L.D. 851

An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1994 with the United States Internal Revenue Code

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 would delay the processing of 1994 income tax returns; and

Whereas, legislative action is immediately necessary to ensure continued and efficient administration of the Maine Income Tax Law and certain other state tax laws; 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. 36 MRSA \$111, sub-\\$1-A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 504, \\$1 and affected by \\$2, is further amended to read:
- **1-A.** Code. "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, 1993 1994.
- **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994.

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

Effective May 17, 1995.

CHAPTER 119

S.P. 290 - L.D. 788

An Act to Amend the Purchasing Laws

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §70, is further amended to read:
 - B. The Director of the Bureau of General Services is authorized by the Governor or the Governor's designee to make purchases without competitive bidding because in the opinion of the Governor or the Governor's designee an emergency exists that requires the immediate procurement of goods or services;
- **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 785, §2, is amended to read:
 - E. The purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the University of Maine System involving:
 - (1) An activity assisting a state agency and enhancing the ability of the university system to fulfill its mission of teaching, research and public service; and
 - (2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs; or
- **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2,** ¶**F,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §70, is further amended to read:
 - F. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$2,500 or less, in which case the Director of the Bureau of General Ser-