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district attorney may, upon an affidavit of an investigating law enforcement officer, make application to any Justice of the Superior Court or any Judge of the District Court for any order permitted pursuant to 18 United States Code, Section 3122(a)(2).

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 328

H.P. 701 - L.D. 959

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 1995-96

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

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the unorganized territory district are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the unorganized territory educational and services tax; 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 §1605, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 698, §8, is amended to read:

3. Balance carried forward. Any unexpended balance shall may not lapse but shall must be carried forward to the same fund for the next fiscal year and shall must be available for the purposes authorized by this chapter. Any unexpended balance remaining in the fund at the end of the year, not including amounts set aside in any capital reserve accounts, that is in excess of 10% of the amount of expenditures for that year must be used to reduce the amount to be collected in taxes during the next year.

Sec. 2. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 1995-96 is as follows.

Audit - Fiscal Administration \$108,207

Education - Operations	9,605,547
Forest Fire Protection	200,000
Human Services - General Assistance	78,060
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	509,990
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Operations	173,005
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$10,674,809
County reimbursements for services:	
Aroostook Franklin Hancock Oxford Penobscot Piscataquis Somerset Washington	\$571,516 308,503 93,880 327,729 563,336 349,485 590,808 313,504
TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$3,118,761
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$13,793,570
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$13,793,570
Less Deductions: General - State Revenue Sharing Miscellaneous Revenues Transfer from undesignated fund balance	\$170,000 125,000 800,000
TOTAL	\$1,095,000
Educational -	
Lands Reserve Trust Tuition - Travel Miscellaneous Special - Retirement Brookton School Closure Transfer - Fiscal Year 1994-95 Salary Savings	\$100,000 175,000 10,000 130,000 100,000
TOTAL	\$625,000
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	(\$1,720,000)

TAX ASSESSMENT

\$12,073,570

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

Effective June 26, 1995.

CHAPTER 329

H.P. 1100 - L.D. 1547

An Act to Provide Administrative Clarification within the Maine Insurance Code

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §2-501, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, §1, is amended to read:

- B. With respect to consumer credit insurance providing life, accident or health coverage <u>or involuntary unemployment coverage</u>, if the insurance coverage is not a factor in the approval by the creditor of the extension of credit, and this fact is clearly disclosed in writing to the consumer, and if, in order to obtain the insurance in connection with the extension of credit, the consumer gives <u>his</u> specific affirmative written indication of <u>his</u> <u>the</u> desire to do so after written disclosure to <u>him</u> <u>the</u> consumer of the cost thereof of the insurance.
- **Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §8-105, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 129, §71, is further amended to read:
- **2.** Charges or premiums for credit life, accident or health insurance or involuntary unemployment insurance written in connection with any consumer credit transaction shall must be included in the finance charge unless:
 - A. The coverage of the debtor by the insurance is not a factor in the approval by the creditor of the extension of credit and this fact is clearly disclosed in writing to the person applying for or obtaining the extension of credit; and
 - B. In order to obtain the insurance in connection with the extension of credit, the person to whom the credit is extended shall must give specific affirmative written indication of his the desire to do so after written disclosure to him the person of the cost thereof of the insurance.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §7, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

§7. "State" defined

When in context signifying other than this State, "state" means any state, district, territory, commonwealth or possession of the United States of America, and the Panama Canal Zone.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §706, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

§706. "Bonds" defined

<u>Surety insurance</u> <u>The definition of "bonds"</u> includes:

- **1.** Fidelity insurance, which is insurance guaranteeing the <u>fidelity honesty</u> of persons holding positions of public or private trust;
- **2.** <u>Insurance Surety insurance</u> guaranteeing the performance of contracts, other than insurance policies, and guaranteeing and executing bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship; and
- Insurance indemnifying banks, bankers, brokers, financial or moneyed corporations or associations against loss, resulting from any cause, of bills of exchange, notes, bonds, securities, evidences of debt, deeds, mortgages, warehouse receipts or other valuable papers, documents, money, precious metals and articles made therefrom, jewelry, watches, gems, precious and semiprecious stones, including any loss while the same are being transported in armored motor vehicles, or by messenger, but not including any other risks of transportation or navigation; also insurance against loss or damage to such an insured's premises or to his furnishings, fixtures, equipment, safes and vaults therein, caused by burglary, robbery, theft, vandalism or malicious mischief, or any attempt thereat.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §742, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 828, §20, is amended to read:

B. If the applicant is an individual and if the application is not submitted simultaneously with an application for an agent or broker license pursuant to chapter 17, the application must include full answers to questions reasonably necessary to determine the following: the applicant's identity; age; residence; present occupation and occupations over the 5 years preceding the date of the application; financial responsibility; insurance experience; and education in insurance and insurance laws of this State the applicant has had or expects to receive. The application must be accompanied by an imprint of the applicant's fingerprints and a recent photograph of the ap-