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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4

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The additional appointments must be made within 10 days of the effective date of this section; and be it further

Sec. 35. Resolve 1993, c. 73, §7 is amended to read:

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall present ~~its~~ interim findings and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters, the Chair of the Legislative Council and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by February 1, 1995. The commission shall present final findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 15, 1996; and be it further

Sec. 36. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1995-96	1996-97
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of the State Fire Marshal		
Positions - Other Count	(4.0)	(4.0)
Personal Services	\$113,757	\$155,188
All Other	35,565	36,000
Capital Expenditures	63,600	
Allocates funds for 4 additional Fire Protection Specialist Assistant positions and general operating expenses to handle additional mandatory plan reviews.		
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY		
TOTAL	\$212,922	\$191,188

Sec. 37. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends Resolve 1993, chapter 73, section 7 applies retroactively to February 1, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 394

H.P. 1008 - L.D. 1419

**An Act to Modify the Licensure Act
for Substance Abuse Counselors**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-A, sub-§41, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 786, §5, is amended to read:

41. State	Not	32 MRSA
Board of Substance Abuse	Authorized	§6201
<u>Alcohol and Drug Counselors</u>		

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §6201, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B, §148, is further amended to read:

§6201. State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors

The State Board of ~~Substance Abuse~~ Alcohol and Drug Counselors within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 41, shall carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §6202, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §193, is further amended to read:

§6202. Objective

The objective of this legislation is to establish a State Board of ~~Substance Abuse~~ Alcohol and Drug Counselors, which ~~will establish~~ establishes and ~~ensure~~ ensures high professional standards among ~~substance abuse alcohol and drug~~ counselors and which ~~will encourage~~ encourages and ~~promote~~ promotes quality treatment and rehabilitation services for substance abusers.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §6203, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §§2 to 8, is further amended to read:

§6203. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless ~~a different meaning clearly appears from~~ the context otherwise indicates, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings.

1. Board. "Board" means the State Board of ~~Substance Abuse~~ Alcohol and Drug Counselors.

1-A. College level course. "College level course" means any education class or program that includes at least 15 contact hours per credit.

2. Consumer of alcohol and drug counseling services. A "consumer of ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services" is a person affected by or recovering from alcoholism or other drug abuse.

3. Nonprovider. A "nonprovider" means an individual who neither is presently nor has been any of the following for the past 3 years:

A. ~~A substance abuse~~ An alcohol and drug counselor;

B. An administrator or board member of a facility or program that provides ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services; or

C. The spouse of any of those persons listed in paragraphs A and B.

~~4-A. Associate substance abuse counselor.~~ "Associate substance abuse counselor" means a practitioner who provides the service of professional substance abuse counseling to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, who does not engage in private practice and who meets the criteria established in sections 6213 and 6214-A for an associate substance abuse counselor.

5. Licensed alcohol and drug counselor. "Licensed substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor" means an individual who is providing the service of professional substance abuse alcohol and drug counseling to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, and who meets the criteria established in sections 6213 and 6214-A for a licensed substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor.

5-A. Inactive alcohol and drug counselor. "Inactive substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor" means a licensed, certified or registered substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor who registers with the board for a leave from the field for a period not to exceed 2 years. Inactive substance abuse alcohol and drug counselors are not required to take the written or oral examinations nor provide documentation of continuing education during the period they have abstained from practice. Inactive substance abuse alcohol and drug counselors must notify the board for license renewal prior to resuming their practice.

6. Alcohol and drug counseling services. "Substance abuse Alcohol and drug counseling services" are those counseling services offered for a fee, monetary or otherwise, as part of the treatment and rehabilitation of persons abusing alcohol or other drugs. The purpose of substance abuse alcohol and drug counseling services is to help individuals, families and groups confront and resolve problems caused by the abuse of alcohol or other drugs. Substance abuse Alcohol and drug counseling services are the 12 core functions defined by rule of the board.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §6203, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Registered alcohol and drug counselor. "Registered alcohol and drug counselor" means a practitioner who provides the service of professional alcohol and drug counseling to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, who does not engage in

private practice and who meets the criteria established in sections 6213 and 6214-A for a registered alcohol and drug counselor.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §6205, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §10 and affected by §36, is further amended to read:

§6205. Licensing

A person may not, unless specifically exempted by this chapter, practice as a ~~substance abuse~~ an alcohol and drug counselor or profess to the public to be, or assume or use the title or designation of, "inactive substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor," "licensed substance abuse counselor," or "associate substance abuse counselor," "licensed alcohol and drug counselor" or registered alcohol and drug counselor or the abbreviation "I.S.A.C.," "L.S.A.C.," or "A.S.A.C." "I.A.D.C.," "L.A.D.C." or "R.A.D.C." or any other title, designation, words, letters or device tending to indicate that such a person is licensed or registered, unless ~~such that~~ person is licensed or registered with and holds a current and valid license or certificate of registration from the board. Any person who offers or gives ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services in violation of this section must be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500 for each such offense.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §6207, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §12, is further amended to read:

§6207. Registration required

1. Alcohol and drug counselor. In order to safeguard the health and safety of ~~Maine's~~ citizens of this State, any person who performs or offers to perform ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services for a fee, monetary or otherwise, and professes to be a ~~substance abuse~~ an alcohol and drug counselor is required to submit evidence of the qualifications to practice and must be registered, ~~certified~~ or licensed in accordance with this chapter.

2. Evidence of qualifications. Any individual who is providing the service of ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, and who is not employed in a program certified or licensed by the State is required to submit evidence of the qualifications to practice and must be licensed as a licensed ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselor as provided in this subchapter. Any individual who is providing the service of ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, and who is employed in a program certified or licensed by the State is required to register or be licensed pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA c. 81, sub-c. II is amended by repealing the subchapter headnote and enacting the following in its place:

SUBCHAPTER II

**STATE BOARD OF ALCOHOL AND
DRUG COUNSELORS**

Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §6208-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The State Board of ~~Substance Abuse~~ Alcohol and Drug Counselors, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 41, consists of 11 members. Nine members are appointed by the Governor. One member must be the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse or a designee. One member, appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Maine System, must be a member of the university faculty involved in the training of substance abuse or alcohol and drug counselors. Of these 11 members, 5 members must be licensed ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselors. Two members must be nonproviders, one of whom must be a family member of a consumer of ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services or a consumer of ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services who has abstained from the use of alcohol and other drugs for a period of at least 2 years. One member must be a public member. One member must be a representative of a regional alcohol and drug abuse council. Members must represent a broad geographic distribution of the State and must be from among the professional associations representative of the field.

Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §6212, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §16, is further amended to read:

2. Adopt criteria. The board, in cooperation with the Office of Substance Abuse, may design and adopt an examination or other suitable criteria for establishing a candidate's knowledge, skill and experience in ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling. Any criteria adopted by the board for establishing a candidate's knowledge, skill and experience in ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling must be clearly defined, have an established baseline scoring procedure that is objectively measured, be in writing and be available to the public upon request.

Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §6212, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §17, is further amended to read:

3. Registration and standards. The board may register and set standards of practice for all persons

practicing as ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselors who are working in ~~Maine~~ the State. Any standards set by the board for practice for ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselors working in ~~Maine~~ the State must be clearly defined, measurable and written in accordance with accepted standards and available to the public upon request. Educational background must be a consideration in any licensing or registration standards adopted by the board.

Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §6212, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Clinical supervision. For purposes of direct clinical supervision of licensed practitioners in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, the board may certify licensed psychologists, physicians, registered clinical nurse specialists, clinical professional counselors and clinical social workers, who are qualified to provide alcohol and drug counseling services by virtue of the requirements for that profession. Other members of any mental health profession must meet the criteria set forth by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium or the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors or equivalent qualifications as determined by the board by rulemaking.

Sec. 13. 32 MRSA §6213, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §21, is further amended to read:

§6213. Eligibility requirements for persons providing alcohol and drug counseling

To be eligible to practice as a ~~substance abuse~~ an alcohol and drug counselor, an applicant must:

1. Age; education. Be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or its equivalent and demonstrate trustworthiness and competence to engage in the practice of ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling in such a manner as to safeguard the interests of the public; and

3. Abstinence from drugs and alcohol. Have abstained from the active abuse of alcohol or any other drug that in the judgment of the board has been or could have been detrimental to the applicant's performance or competency as a ~~substance abuse~~ an alcohol and drug counselor. It is strongly recommended that applicants have abstained for at least the 2-year period immediately preceding the date on which application is made. In considering an applicant for registration, the board may not consider a history of previous alcoholism or drug addiction as an essential qualification nor disqualification for ~~certification~~ registration or licensure.

Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §6213-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §22 and affected by §36, is further amended to read:

§6213-A. Eligibility requirements for registration

An individual may not practice as a ~~substance abuse~~ an alcohol and drug counselor for a fee, monetary or otherwise, unless that individual is licensed pursuant to this chapter or registers with the board. Each individual who is not licensed and who engages in ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling shall register with the board every 2 years. Each individual who registers shall fill out a form designed by the board. A person registered to provide ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling services may not practice without supervision or engage in private practice.

Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §6214-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §206, is amended to read:

§6214-A. Eligibility requirements for qualification as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor

1. Licensed alcohol and drug counselor. The board shall issue a license to practice ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling upon the affirmative vote of at least 5 members of the board to any applicant who has satisfactorily met the following minimal requirements:

- A. Met the eligibility requirements set forth in section 6213;
- B. Obtained a passing grade, as established by the board, on any examinations the board may prescribe by its rules;
- C. Completed 30 semester hours of college-level course work in appropriate social science fields or its equivalent in appropriate ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug training; and
- D. Met any other criteria the board may prescribe by its rules.

~~**2. Associate substance abuse counselor.** The board may issue a certificate of registration as an associate substance abuse counselor upon the affirmative vote of 5 members of the board to any applicant who has met the following minimal requirements:~~

- ~~A. Met the eligibility requirements set forth in section 6213;~~
- ~~B. Obtained a passing grade on the written exam and a provisionally passing grade on the oral exam, as established by the board and prescribed by its rules; and~~
- ~~C. Met any other criteria the board may prescribe by its rules.~~

2-A. Registered alcohol and drug counselor.

The board may issue a certificate of registration as a registered alcohol and drug counselor, upon the affirmative vote of 5 members of the board, to any applicant who has met the following minimal requirements:

- A. Met the eligibility requirements set forth in section 6213;
- B. Obtained a passing grade on the written exam and a provisionally passing grade on the oral exam, as established by the board and prescribed by its rules; and
- C. Met any other criteria the board may prescribe by its rules.

3. Reapplication for certificate. Any applicant who is not issued a license or a certificate of registration may again apply for registration after a period of not less than 6 months from the date of the last denial.

4. Other qualifications. Any individual who has obtained a master's degree in counseling, substance abuse or a related field, who can document 1,000 hours of direct service to clients with problems related to substance abuse, is eligible to apply for licensure and must be licensed in accordance with this chapter. The board may adopt rules to recognize exceptional education or experience that qualifies an applicant to apply for licensure.

Sec. 16. 32 MRSA §6214-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §23 and affected by §36, is further amended to read:

1. Licensed alcohol and drug counselor. The board shall issue a license to practice as a licensed ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselor upon the affirmative vote of at least 6 members of the board to any applicant who has satisfactorily met the following minimal requirements:

- A. Met the eligibility requirements set forth in section 6213;
- B. Obtained a passing grade, as established by the board, on the written and oral examinations the board has prescribed by its rules;
- C-1. Obtained at least an associate's degree in an appropriate social science field from an accredited institution or program approved by the board with a concentration of course work in the 12 core functions defined by rule of the board;
- D-1. Completed a minimum of 4,000 supervised direct client service hours in the 12 core functions defined by rule of the board. This work experience may be gained in any supervised activity, including volunteer work or student

placement, that relates to the core functions described in the board's licensing examination; and

E. Provided documentation of experience with a wide range of clients, in a wide range of treatment settings while working independently.

Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §6214-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §23 and affected by §36, is repealed.

Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §6214-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Registered alcohol and drug counselor.

The board may issue a license to practice as a registered alcohol and drug counselor upon the affirmative vote of 6 members of the board to any applicant who has met the following minimal requirements:

A. Met the eligibility requirements set forth in section 6213;

B. Obtained a passing grade, as established by the board, on the written exam prescribed by its rules;

C. Completed 300 clock hours of education in appropriate social science fields or its equivalent in appropriate alcohol and drug abuse training, with at least 50% of the education in college level courses related to the 12 core functions defined by rule of the board;

D. Completed 4,000 supervised direct client service hours in the 12 core functions defined by rule of the board. This work experience may be gained in any supervised activity, including volunteer work or student placement, that relates to the core functions; and

E. Provided documentation of experience in alcohol and drug counseling in one particular setting or client population.

Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §6214-B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §§24 and 25, is further amended to read:

§6214-B. Application

Any person registered by the board as a registered substance abuse counselor, R.S.A.C., prior to September 1, 1987; is automatically licensed as a licensed ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselor, ~~L.S.A.C.~~ L.A.D.C.

Any person registered by the board as a registered substance abuse counselor, provisional, R.S.A.C., provisional; or not registered by the board; but who is providing the primary service of profes-

sional ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling to the public and who is not employed in a program certified or licensed by the State; prior to the effective date of this section; shall comply with the requirements of section 6207, subsection 2, by July 1, 1990.

Any person who is providing the primary service of professional ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling to the public and who is employed in a program certified or licensed by the State shall comply with the requirements of section 6207, subsection 3, by January 1, 1988.

~~Any person who is licensed by the board as an associate substance abuse counselor, licensed substance abuse counselor or inactive substance abuse counselor who was actively engaged as a substance abuse counselor for one year prior to October 1, 1993, is deemed to have met all the requirements for that person's respective credential. Any registered substance abuse counselor shall, after October 1, 1993, cease using the title "registered substance abuse counselor" or the initials "R.S.A.C." unless that person has met the standards for licensure that existed prior to that date.~~

Sec. 20. 32 MRSA §6215, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §26, is further amended to read:

§6215. Application; membership fees

Application for registration as a registered ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselor; or licensure as a licensed ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselor ~~or certification as an associate substance abuse counselor~~ must be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. Application and examination fees may be established by the board in amounts that are reasonable and necessary for their respective purposes. Successful applicants shall pay biennial fees of \$75 for registration, ~~\$100 for licensure as an associate substance abuse counselor~~ and \$150 for licensure as a ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counselor. The payment of fees is suspended during the term of inactive status.

Sec. 21. 32 MRSA §6216, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §27, is further amended to read:

§6216. Examinations

The board shall make reasonable arrangements for written and oral examinations to be held at ~~such~~ times and places as necessary to accommodate those persons applying to take the examinations. The examinations must be graded using established written base-line scores for failure or passage, be based on accepted ~~substance abuse~~ alcohol and drug counseling criteria and include measurable and clearly defined procedures for grading the results and issuing a pass or fail decision. Decisions on all examinations, oral and

written, must be in writing and include a grade, a summary of the criteria for the grade and an explanation of the procedure for reexamination or appeal. Notice of the examination results must be forwarded to the applicants within 15 days of the date on which the examination was conducted. ~~The notice must include a written explanation of the appeal process.~~ The board may use fees generated from examinations to pay examination evaluators.

~~The appeal process must include an outside review as established by rules promulgated by the board under the procedures established by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II. All applicants have the right to review their test results and any scoring comments.~~

Sec. 22. 32 MRSA §6217-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §209, is further amended to read:

1. Fraud or deceit. The practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a license or a certificate of registration under this chapter or in connection with services rendered as a substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor;

Sec. 23. 32 MRSA §6217-A, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 413, §218, is amended to read:

2. Active abuse. Active abuse of alcohol, or any other drug, ~~which that~~ in the judgment of the board is detrimental to the performance or competency of a substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor;

Sec. 24. 32 MRSA §6217-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §209, is further amended to read:

4. Aiding and abetting misrepresentation. Aiding or abetting a person, not duly licensed or registered as a substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor, in representing ~~oneself that~~ that person as a licensed substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor, ~~associate substance abuse counselor~~ or registered substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor in this State;

Sec. 25. 32 MRSA §6217-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §28, is further amended to read:

5. Unprofessional conduct or negligence. Any gross negligence, incompetency, misconduct or violation of the existing code of ethics in the performance of substance abuse alcohol and drug counseling services;

Sec. 26. 32 MRSA §6219, as amended by PL 1991, c. 456, §32, is further amended to read:

§6219. Expiration and renewal

The license and certificate of registration expire biennially on August 31st or at such other time as the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation may designate. Licensure or registration may be renewed for the succeeding 2-year period upon written application of the registrant, the approval of the board and the payment of the fee provided. A fee for renewal of license or certificate of registration is \$150 biennially for licensing, ~~\$100 biennially~~, for licensure as an ~~associate substance abuse counselor~~ and \$75 biennially for registration, due and payable on or before the expiration date. Before a license or certificate of registration may be renewed, the applicant must present evidence of continued professional learning and training of a type acceptable to the board.

Licensure, ~~certification~~ or registration may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of expiration upon payment of a late fee of \$10 in addition to the renewal fee. Any person who submits an application for renewal more than 90 days after the license renewal date ~~shall be~~ is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may in its discretion, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if that renewal application is made within 2 years from the date of that expiration or if the applicant is a registered inactive substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor. The board ~~shall be~~ is responsible for mailing notification of the date of expiration of a license or a certificate of registration to any licensed substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor, ~~associate substance abuse counselor~~, inactive substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor or registered substance abuse alcohol and drug counselor not later than 30 days prior to the date of expiration. At a minimum, applicants for renewal must document ~~250 hours of supervised experience within the core functions defined by rule of the board~~ and the successful completion of at least 50 hours of continuing education, as defined by rule by the board, related to substance abuse alcohol and drug counseling during the 2-year period.

Sec. 27. Transitional clause. On the effective date of this Act, all individuals licensed as Licensed Substance Abuse Counselors, L.S.A.C., are known as Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, L.A.D.C. These licenses are renewable in November 1995, at which time the revised title is included on all renewed credentials.

Sec. 28. Effective date. Sections 16 to 18 of this Act take effect October 1, 1996.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 395

H.P. 700 - L.D. 958

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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 may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1995; 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:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Supplemental appropriations from the General Fund. There are appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997, to the departments listed, the following sums.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

	1995-96	1996-97
Buildings and Grounds Operations		
Personal Services		\$74,428
Provides for the appropriation of additional funds through a transfer from Pineland Center.		
Bureau of Taxation		
Positions - Legislative Count		(2.0)
Personal Services		59,613
All Other		18,613
Capital Expenditures		13,064
TOTAL		91,290
Provides funds for one Property Appraiser II position and one Clerk-Typist II position to administer the Personal Property Tax Reform program.		
Personal Property Tax Reform		
All Other		4,746,068
Provides funds for reimbursements to businesses for personal property taxes paid on certain eligible property.		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES TOTAL

-0- \$4,911,786

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Agriculture		
All Other	(95,481)	(98,346)
Provides for the deappropriation of funds to establish a hunger prevention program as part of a reorganization to more accurately reflect program operations.		
Food Assistance Program		
All Other	95,481	98,346