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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Augusta, Maine
1997

Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall appoint members of the Harness Racing Promotional Board to begin serving November 1, 1997 as provided in that section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 285.

Sec. 48. Plan for reorganization of staff.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in consultation with the State Harness Racing Commission, shall develop a plan for the reorganization and reclassification of positions necessary to carry out the functions required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, chapter 11 in an efficient and effective manner.

Sec. 49. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES		
State Harness Racing Commission		
All Other	(\$205,955)	(\$210,790)
Deallocates funds to reflect the establishment of the Harness Racing Promotional Board as a public instrumentality.		
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES		
TOTAL	(\$205,955)	(\$210,790)
HARNESS RACING PROMOTIONAL BOARD		
Harness Racing Promotional Board		
All Other	\$205,955	\$210,790
Allocates funds to reflect the establishment of the Harness Racing Promotional Board as a public instrumentality.		
HARNESS RACING PROMOTIONAL BOARD		
TOTAL	\$205,955	\$210,790
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$0	\$0

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CHAPTER 529

S.P. 662 - L.D. 1882

An Act Concerning Acceptance of Campaign Contributions during Legislative Sessions

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Campaign contributions and solicitations prohibited. The following provisions prohibit certain campaign contributions and solicitation of campaign contributions during a legislative session.

A. As used in this subsection, the terms "employer," "lobbyist" and "lobbyist associate" have the same meanings as in Title 3, section 312-A and the term "contribution" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1012.

B. The Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer may not intentionally solicit or accept a contribution from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer during any period of time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment. A lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer may not intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution to the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer during any time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment. These prohibitions apply to direct and indirect solicitation, acceptance, giving, offering and promising, whether through a political action committee, political committee, political party or otherwise.

C. This subsection does not apply to:

- (1) Solicitations or contributions for bona fide social events hosted for nonpartisan, charitable purposes;
- (2) Solicitations or contributions relating to a special election to fill a vacancy from the time of announcement of the election until the election; and
- (3) Solicitations or contributions after the deadline for filing as a candidate as provided in Title 21-A, section 335.

D. A person who intentionally violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the State and recoverable in a civil action.

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CHAPTER 530

S.P. 671 - L.D. 1896

An Act Regarding Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Welfare Reform

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

Whereas, funding for programs, services and equipment needed to meet the requirements of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 and to further welfare reform in the State is dependent on enactment of the provisions of this legislation; 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. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36, as amended by PL 1993, c. 360, Pt. C, §1, is repealed.

Sec. A-2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36-C is enacted to read:

<u>36-C.</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>22 MRSA</u>
<u>Human</u>	<u>Assistance</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§3789-D</u>
<u>Services</u>	<u>for Needy</u>		
	<u>Families</u>		
	<u>Advisory</u>		
	<u>Council</u>		

Sec. A-3. 19 MRSA §776, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 668, §6, is amended to read:

B. "Public assistance" means public assistance as provided under Title 22, section 3173, 3271 ~~or 3741, 3762 or 3790.~~

Sec. A-4. 19-A MRSA §2605, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

A. "Public assistance" means public assistance as provided under Title 22, section 3173, 3271 ~~or 3741, 3762 or 3790.~~

Sec. A-5. 20-A MRSA §10908, first ¶, as amended by PL 1993, c. 360, Pt. C, §2, is further amended to read:

In conjunction with the Maine ~~Aid to Families with Dependent Children~~ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council established pursuant to Title 22, section ~~3774~~ 3789-D, the University of Maine System:

Sec. A-6. 22 MRSA §9-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 566, is amended to read:

A. "Public assistance" means any of the following:

- (1) ~~Aid to families with dependent children~~ Temporary assistance for needy families under chapter ~~4053~~ 1053-B;
- (2) Food stamp assistance under section 3104;
- (3) General assistance under chapter 855 and any state-funded portion under chapter 1161; ~~and~~
- (4) Medical assistance under chapter 855; ~~or~~
- (5) Assistance under the Parents as Scholars Program pursuant to chapter 1054-B.

Sec. A-7. 22 MRSA §16, sub-§1, ¶C, as reenacted by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. A, §24, is amended to read:

C. "Public assistance" means aid, assistance or benefits available through:

- (1) A program of ~~aid to families with dependent children~~ temporary assistance for needy families administered in this State pursuant to chapter ~~4053~~ 1053-B or the Parents as Scholars program pursuant to chapter 1054-B;
- (2) A program of medical assistance administered in this State pursuant to chapter 855; or
- (3) Any other program that is based on need and is conducted or administered by this State.