

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

MAINE ADVOCACY SERVICES

Maine Advocacy Services

All Other \$80,000

Provides funds to permit advocacy services for students with learning disabilities in special education matters.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 85

S.P. 745 - L.D. 2023

An Act to Restore Services to Maine's Elderly

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Congregate Housing

All Other \$400,000

Provides funds for supportive services for residents of low to moderate income assisted living apartments in the Bangor area to serve the needs of residents in Eastern and Northern Maine. The department must issue a request for proposal for these services.

Purchased Social Services

All Other \$150,000

Provides funds to area agencies on aging for priority social services programs for home support.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL

\$550,000

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Medical Services

All Other (\$250,000)

Deallocates funds to accurately reflect certain license fee revenue as General Fund revenue in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1815.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 86

H.P. 1651 - L.D. 2283

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund

All Other \$100,000

Provides funds to expand the shelter operating subsidy program. Fifteen percent of these funds must be designated for shelter services to homeless youth and young adults.

All Other \$150,000

Provides a portion of the funds needed to accomplish the computer migration project and to assist in addressing "Year 2000" information system problems.

See title page for effective date.

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

Effective April 14, 1998.

CHAPTER 87

S.P. 734 - L.D. 2012

An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project

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

Whereas, the information systems of several state departments and agencies require significant modifications before the year 2000; and

Whereas, funding to make necessary information system modifications has not been provided; and

Whereas, as much time as possible is required to make the necessary changes before the end of the year 1999; 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. Report. The Director of the Bureau of Information Services, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, shall submit detailed status reports at the close of each fiscal quarter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs describing the progress made by each department or agency toward resolution of "Year 2000" information system problems.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98

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CHAPTER 88

S.P. 737 - L.D. 2015

An Act to Clarify the Law Requiring the Appointment of the Pineland Development Authority

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

Whereas, it is important that this legislation be enacted immediately so there will be local representation on the conversion committee in the event there is an opportunity to sell or lease the Pineland Center; 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. P&SL 1995, chapter 79, §1, sub-§3 is amended to read:

3. Pineland Conversion Committee. The "Pineland Conversion Committee," established in section 3 and referred to in this Act as the "committee," consists of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, who serves as chair; the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services; ~~the chair or any member of the Governor's Task Force on Pineland Center Reuse as of October 1995 as established by Executive Order 4 Fiscal Year 1994-95; a representative 3 representatives~~ appointed by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ municipal officers of the Town of New Gloucester; one of whom must be the chair or a member of the Governor's Task Force on Pineland