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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
2000

**Unorganized Territory
Education & Services Fund -
Finance**

All Other (\$5,000)
Deallocates funds to reflect the reduction in amounts to be paid to Hancock County.

**Unorganized Territory
Education & Services Fund -
Finance**

All Other \$5,000
Allocates funds to authorize the payment to Eagle Island ferry service, doing business as the Sunset Bay Company.

**DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES**

TOTAL _____ \$0

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Education in Unorganized
Territory**

All Other \$480,639
Provides funds for the costs of roof repair for the Benedicta School. This appropriation will increase budgeted General Fund revenue by \$480,639.

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

Effective May 5, 2000.

CHAPTER 92

H.P. 123 - L.D. 154

**An Act to Provide Funding to the
Maine Center for the Blind and
Visually Impaired**

**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.

2000-01

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

**Division for the Blind and
Visually Impaired**

All Other \$45,000

Provides funds on a one-time basis for the establishment of an audio information service through the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired for people who are blind or visually impaired and other people in the State who are unable to access printed information due to a disability. The Department of Labor shall report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs by February 2, 2001 on the status of the Maine Airs program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 93

H.P. 1892 - L.D. 2633

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Joint
Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry Relating
to Review of the Maine Seed Potato
Board Under the State Government
Evaluation Act**

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.

2000-01

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Seed Potato Board

All Other	\$65,000
Capital Expenditures	35,000

Appropriates one-time funds for equipment, capital improvements and repairs at the Porter Nuclear Seed Facility. Funds appropriated for this purpose may not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES

TOTAL	\$100,000
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See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 94

S.P. 304 - L.D. 906

An Act to Improve Elver Fishery Management

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

Whereas, the 2000 elver fishing season commences on March 22nd; and

Whereas, the Legislature's recent actions to limit effort in the elver fishery necessitate research, monitoring, reporting and enforcement activities; and

Whereas, it is important that the fishery be managed as a sustainable fishery; 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. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management

All Other	\$25,000
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Provides a one-time appropriation to support the operational costs of providing research and management of the elver fishery.

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

Effective May 10, 2000.

CHAPTER 95

H.P. 397 - L.D. 528

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Relating to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

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

Sec. 1. Review of child protective policy; rules. By September 30, 2000, the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services shall review all policies governing child protective services for the purpose of determining those portions