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2. Reservation fee. A surecharge fee must be collected for all reservations and deposited in the General Fund, except that a portion of the reservation fee as determined by the commissioner may be paid directly to a provider of Internet reservation services. If reservations made under this section are subsequently cancelled, the bureau must retain a cancellation fee and deposit it into the General Fund.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 25

H.P. 250 - L.D. 286

**An Act to Clarify the Duties of the
Maine Developmental Disabilities
Council**

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1211, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §7, is amended to read:

3. Duties. The council shall consult with and coordinate with the commissioner in carrying out the purposes of the program established under the federal act specified in subsection 2. If the position of the director of the council becomes vacant the council shall recruit and hire a director. The council shall supervise and annually evaluate the director.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 26

S.P. 139 - L.D. 462

**An Act to Clarify the Substance
Abuse Law**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20052, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 499, §1 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20053, as amended by PL 1997, c. 245, §19, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 27

S.P. 89 - L.D. 316

**An Act to Authorize Representation
by the Public Advocate of Consumer
Interests on Regional Decision-
making Bodies**

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

Whereas, decisions that will affect ratepayers in Maine are being made at the regional level with regard to the electric wholesale market and it is vitally important that the consumers, through the Public Advocate, have a voice in that decision-making process; 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. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Represent interests of retail customers on regional bodies. The Public Advocate, when the Public Advocate determines it necessary, may serve as a voting member of any regional body whose decisions directly affect the prices or quality of utility services in the State, as long as that service is limited to a seat that is designated for the representation of consumer interests. Service as a voting member of a regional body in accordance with this subsection does not create or constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to section 1709.

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

Effective April 6, 2001.

CHAPTER 28

H.P. 205 - L.D. 240

**An Act to Permit an Unspent Balance
in the Public Advocate Regulatory
Fund to be Carried Forward in Full
for Fiscal Years 2000-01 and 2001-02**