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sufficient to fund the obligations of the Supplemental Benefits Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 213, subsections 3 and 4, the Supplemental Benefits Oversight Committee may levy an initial assessment under Title 39-A, section 356 to provide funds needed until the next assessment authorized by law.

Sec. 8. Transition. As of the effective date of this Act, the Workers' Compensation Board may no longer process requests for reimbursement from insurers pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 213, subsections 3 and 4. All requests for such reimbursement filed with the board that have not received a final determination and been paid by the board must be forwarded to the Supplemental Benefits Oversight Committee without prejudice.

Sec. 9. Interpretation. Entitlement rights of claimants arising from benefits payable under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 213, subsection 4 and benefit extensions ordered by the Workers' Compensation Board under that subsection are not modified, extended or abridged by amendments in this Act to Title 39-A, sections 355 to 356.

Sec. 10. Labor committee review. The Supplemental Benefits Oversight Committee created in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 355-B shall meet with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor not later than February 1, 2002 to discuss implementation of this Act and to make recommendations for any changes needed to the Supplemental Benefits Fund or its operations. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature to amend the law as needed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 449

S.P. 154 - L.D. 498

An Act to Increase the Bond Ceiling of the University of Maine System

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10952, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. R, §1, is further amended to read:

7. Borrow money. To borrow money pursuant to this chapter and issue evidences of indebtedness to finance the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement or equipping of any one project, or more than one, or any combination of projects, or to refund evidences of indebtedness hereafter issued or to refund

general obligation debt of the State, or to refund any such refunding evidences of indebtedness or for any one, or more than one, or all of those purposes, or any combination of those purposes, and to provide for the security and payment of those evidences of indebtedness and for the rights of the holders of them, except that any borrowing pursuant to this chapter, exclusive of borrowing to refund evidences of indebtedness, to refund general obligation debt of the State, or to fund issuance costs or necessary reserves, may not exceed in the aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time ~~\$100,000,000~~ **\$150,000,000**, and except that no borrowing may be effected pursuant to this chapter unless the amount of the borrowing and the project or projects are submitted to the legislative Office of Fiscal and Program Review for review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs at least 60 days before closing on such borrowing for the project or projects is to be initiated;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 450

H.P. 979 - L.D. 1303

An Act to Increase Access to Health Care

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 22 MRSA §3174-G, sub-§1, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. OO, §1, are amended to read:

D. A child one year of age or older and under 19 years of age when the child's family income is equal to or below 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty line; ~~and~~

E. The parent or caretaker relative of a child described in paragraph B or D when the child's family income is equal to or below 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty line, subject to adjustment by the commissioner under this paragraph. Medicaid services provided under this paragraph must be provided within the limits of the program budget. Funds appropriated for services under this paragraph must include an annual inflationary adjustment equivalent to the rate of inflation in the Medicaid program. On a quarterly basis, the commissioner shall determine the fiscal status of program expenditures under this paragraph. If the commissioner determines that expenditures will exceed the funds available