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subsection 4, during a period of drought emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Title 37-B, section 742, a person operating a vehicle that is transporting well-drilling equipment for the purpose of drilling a replacement water well or for improving an existing water well on property where that well is no longer supplying sufficient water for residents or agricultural purposes may travel over a county or municipal way without a specific county or municipal permit, as long as the following conditions are met:

A. The operator of the vehicle is operating in accordance with a permit issued by the Department of Transportation when a department permit is required for a road or way necessary to reach the county or municipal way on which the property to be drilled is situated;

B. The municipal or county manager or, in the absence of a municipal or county manager, a municipal or county officer or road commissioner is notified in advance; and

C. The operator of the vehicle is traveling on a road that is posted by a county or municipality in accordance with any additional restrictions the municipality or county may impose, excepting any requirement for a specific county or municipal permit.

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

Effective March 21, 2002.

CHAPTER 541

H.P. 1420 - L.D. 1868

An Act to Provide Enhancements to the Small Enterprise Growth Program

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §382, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1999, c. 504, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Qualifying small business. "Qualifying small business" means, for the purpose of an initial disbursement by the board under section 388, a business employing 50 or fewer employees or having gross sales not exceeding \$5,000,000 within the most recent 12 months for which financial statements are available. For the purpose of a subsequent disbursement, "qualifying small business" means a business to which the board has previously made a disbursement

and that, in the judgment of the board, evidences continued potential for high growth.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §388, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 504, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Disbursements. ~~Disbursements~~ Initial disbursements may not exceed \$500,000 to a qualifying small business, including an affiliated entity. An initial disbursement plus any subsequent disbursements in the aggregate to a qualifying small business may not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the capitalization of the fund from all appropriations received for application to the fund, plus any funds received from repayment, interest, royalties, equities or other interests in business enterprises, products or services to the extent the repayment, interest, royalties, equities or other interests are in excess of the amount initially invested in the business making the payments, plus interest accrued on the fund balance and other funds received by the board to be applied to the fund. ~~The Finance Authority of Maine board~~ shall report annually by December 20th of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters on all disbursements made under this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 542

S.P. 709 - L.D. 1911

An Act Regarding Certain Educational Requirements for Licensed Social Workers

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7053, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 316, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Requirements to be a licensed social worker on or before September 30, 2003. On or before ~~June 30, 2002~~ September 30, 2003, the board may issue a license to an applicant who meets at least one of the requirements set out in this subsection:

A. The applicant must have received a bachelor's degree in social work or social welfare from an accredited educational institution; demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board adherence to the ethics of the social worker profession; and successfully completed the examination prescribed by the board; or

B. The applicant must have received a bachelor's degree in a related field from an institution that,