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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2001**

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

Effective April 10, 2001.

**CHAPTER 8**

**S.P. 156 - L.D. 500**

**An Act to Clarify the Act of Separation of Frye Island from the Town of Standish**

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

**Whereas,** resolution is needed prior to June 30, 2001 of the issue of the membership of School Administrative District 6 for purposes of both the provision of educational services for students from the Town of Frye Island and clarification of the valuation for school funding purposes; 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 1997, c. 41, Pt. A, §8** is amended to read:

**8. Educational needs.** If the Town of Frye Island is incorporated and separated from the Town of Standish, it remains in the School Administrative District 6 or its successor and pays its proportional share of costs, ~~unless or until such time as it withdraws from the school administrative district in accordance with applicable state law.~~ School transportation services must be provided as follows: The Town of Frye Island is authorized to require each resident with a child or children enrolled in School Administrative District 6 to provide transportation from the island to the mainland point of pickup at the resident's own expense; transportation costs from the mainland point of pickup to the school must be provided, as is customarily done, by the school administrative district.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1997, c. 41, Pt. A, §9** is enacted to read:

**9. Authorization required.** Notwithstanding any withdrawal proceedings initiated or completed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,

section 1405 prior to the effective date of this section, or any subsequent action taken by the Town of Frye Island, the Town of Frye Island is a part of and may not withdraw from School Administrative District 6 or its successor unless such withdrawal is first authorized by further amendment to this chapter.

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

Effective April 11, 2001.

**CHAPTER 9**

**S.P. 196 - L.D. 668**

**An Act to Reallocate a Portion of the Calendar Year 1999 Allocation of State Ceiling**

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

**Whereas,** Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 82, section 4 reallocated to the Maine Educational Loan Authority \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 originally allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine; and

**Whereas,** the United States Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Finance Authority of Maine is the appropriate issuer of bonds to carry forward the \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 originally allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine; and

**Whereas,** if these bond issues must be delayed because the State has reallocated to the Maine Educational Loan Authority \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 originally allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine, the Finance Authority of Maine may not be able to provide financing for students in a timely manner or the rates and terms under which these bonds may be issued may be adversely affected, resulting in increased costs to beneficiaries; 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. Allocation to Finance Authority of Maine.** The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 originally allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used for educational loans under Public Law 1999, chapter 443, then reallocated to the Maine Educational Loan Authority under Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 82, is reallocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used for educational loans pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 417-B in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 6.

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

Effective April 11, 2001.

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**CHAPTER 10**

**H.P. 782 - L.D. 1026**

**An Act to Provide George J. Mitchell and William S. Cohen Lifetime License Plates**

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

**Sec. 1. William S. Cohen; special license plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue one pair of specially designed license plates for one designated motor vehicle owned by William S. Cohen of Bangor. The plates must be issued in his honor without charge for the lifetime of William S. Cohen.

**Sec. 2. George J. Mitchell; special license plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue one pair of specially designed license plates for one designated motor vehicle owned by George J. Mitchell of Waterville. The plates must be issued in his honor without charge for the lifetime of George J. Mitchell.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 11**

**H.P. 480 - L.D. 620**

**An Act to Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District**

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1929, c. 33, §9, first ¶** is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

All the affairs of the district are managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members who must be residents in the district. The trustees are elected to 5-year terms in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 1.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1929, c. 33, §9, 2nd ¶** is repealed.

**Sec. 3. Current trustees.** The terms of office to which trustees of the Gray Water District serving on the effective date of this Act were elected are unaffected by this Act. The trustees' successors are elected in accordance with this Act.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 12**

**H.P. 167 - L.D. 178**

**An Act to Implement the Continuation of Service Recommendations of the Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf**

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

**Whereas,** former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf have been using counseling and mental health services provided at no cost to them through the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and

**Whereas,** there should be no interruption of the provision of these services; 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. Continuation of services.** The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall continue to offer counseling and other mental health services at no cost to former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Maine School for the Deaf.