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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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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.

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.

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 P&SL 1929, c. 33, §9, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 P&SL 1929, c. 33, §9, 2nd ¶ is repealed.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.

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.

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

Effective May 2, 2001.

CHAPTER 13

H.P. 700 - L.D. 904

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Water District

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

Whereas, uninterrupted collection and distribution of water is essential to the health and welfare of inhabitants of Corinna; and

Whereas, the water district may apply for and receive grants to ensure uninterrupted water service; 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. Territorial limits; corporate name.

Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6403, subsection 1, paragraph B, that part of the Town of Corinna described as follows: Beginning at a point where the west line of Lot 13 in Corinna intersects State Aid Highway #1 leading from Corinna village to St. Albans village; thence running southerly along the west line of Lot 13 to a point, on the same line extended 100 rods southerly from the north line of Range 2 in said Corinna; thence easterly on a line parallel to the north line of Range 2 to a point where said line intersects the center line of the road leading from Southard's Mills, so called, southeasterly to the White school house district; thence northerly in a straight line to the easterly end of the bridge crossing Alder Stream on State Aid Highway #1 leading from Corinna village to Exeter; thence northerly in a straight line to a point where the north line of Range 4 in Corinna intersects State Highway J leading from Corinna village to Dexter; thence westerly in a straight line to the point of beginning; and its inhabitants constitute a standard water district under the name "Corinna Water District," referred to in this Act as the "district."

Sec. 2. Powers; authority; duties. The district has all the powers and authority and is subject to all requirements and restrictions provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64.

Sec. 3. Power to take water. For purposes of its incorporation, the district is authorized to take water from any source in the Town of Corinna.

Sec. 4. Number of trustees. The board of trustees of the district is composed of 3 trustees. A trustee must be a resident of the district and reside in a household to which the district's service is provided.

Sec. 5. Terms of trustees. Trustees are elected to 3-year terms in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410, subsection 1.

Sec. 6. Debt limit. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6413, the district may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable within a period of more than 12 months up to a total amount of \$1,000,000. The district may establish a higher debt limit in accordance with Title 35-A, section 6413.

Sec. 7. State funds exempt from investigation. The management and allocation by the district of a contribution of funds by the State under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 568, subsection 2 and the income from those funds are not subject to investigation or review by the Public Utilities Commission under Title 35-A, section 310, 1302 or 1303, except upon request by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sec. 8. Continuation of Corinna Water District. The purpose of this Act is to modernize the charter of the Corinna Water District, established under Private and Special Law 1947, chapter 86, using the Standard Water District Enabling Act. The terms of office to which trustees of the Corinna 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. Except as specifically provided by this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to alter or affect or may be interpreted as altering or affecting any debts, liabilities, obligations, rights or privileges of the Corinna Water District.

Sec. 9. P&SL 1947, c. 86, as amended, is repealed.

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

Effective May 8, 2001.
