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or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of ~~her~~ that parent's child and who is receiving the pension or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of ~~her~~ the parent's child during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I.

The exemption provided in this paragraph is in lieu of any exemption under paragraph D to which the person may be eligible and applies to the property of that person, including property held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that person.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 703

S.P. 657 - L.D. 1724

An Act To Create the Maine Military Family Relief Fund

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5288 is enacted to read:

§5288. Maine Military Family Relief Fund voluntary checkoff

1. Maine Military Family Relief Fund. When filing a return, a taxpayer entitled to a refund under this Part may designate that a portion of that refund be paid into the Maine Military Family Relief Fund established in Title 37-B, section 158. A taxpayer who is not entitled to a refund under this Part may contribute to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund by including with that taxpayer's return sufficient funds to make the contribution. The contribution may not be less than \$1. Each individual income tax return form must contain a designation in substantially the following form: "The Maine Military Family Relief Fund: () \$1, () \$5, () \$10, () \$25 or () Other \$... ."

2. Contributions credited to Maine Military Family Relief Fund. The State Tax Assessor shall determine annually the total amount contributed pursuant to subsection 1. Prior to the beginning of the next year, the State Tax Assessor shall deduct the cost of administering the Maine Military Family Relief Fund checkoff, but not exceeding \$2,000 annually, and report the remainder to the Treasurer of State, who shall forward that amount to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.

3. Application. This section applies to tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2004 but before January 1, 2007.

4. Repeal. This section is repealed December 31, 2007.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §158 is enacted to read:

§158. Maine Military Family Relief Fund

The Maine Military Family Relief Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund administered according to rules adopted by the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General is authorized to make grants from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund to families of persons who are members of the Maine National Guard or residents of the State who are members of the Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been called to military duty. The Military Bureau shall adopt rules establishing eligibility criteria for the grants. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Administrative costs to be reimbursed. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall absorb within existing resources any administrative costs involved in the initial implementation of this Act. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 158 or any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management must transfer from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund established in Title 37-B, section 158 an amount determined by the State Tax Assessor to be the additional administrative costs associated with the implementation of this Act. The State Tax Assessor is authorized to deposit the funds received as reimbursement for costs incurred in an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Bureau of Revenue Services to be used to support the operations of the bureau necessary for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Maine Revenue Services 0002

Initiative: Allocates funds for the administrative costs associated with the Maine Military Family Relief Fund voluntary checkoff in the event revenue is available for transfer in fiscal year 2004-05.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	\$10,791
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$10,791

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$10,791
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$10,791

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Allocates funds received from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund voluntary checkoff.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	\$10,200
Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$10,200

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$10,200
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$10,200
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SECTION TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$20,991
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$20,991

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 704

H.P. 1399 - L.D. 1883

**An Act To Coordinate Education,
Job Training and Employers in
Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§7-F is enacted to read:

<u>7-F.</u>	<u>Future for</u>	<u>Legislative</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Economic</u>	<u>Youth in</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>MRSA</u>
<u>Development</u>	<u>Maine State</u>	<u>for</u>	<u>§13161</u>
	<u>Work Action</u>	<u>Legislators</u>	
	<u>Tactics</u>	<u>Only</u>	
	<u>Team.</u>		
	<u>"S.W.A.T."</u>		

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 383, sub-c. 1-B is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 1-B

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

§13060-G. Comprehensive marketing strategy

Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06, the department shall develop and administer a comprehensive marketing strategy to promote Maine to persons 15 to 35 years of age as an attractive location to pursue education, employment and business development opportunities. The department shall consult with the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Finance Authority of Maine, the Maine State Housing Authority and other public and private stakeholders in the development of the marketing strategy. The strategy must highlight the State's public and private institutions of higher education and the resources available for starting a business in the State. The strategy must be designed to target current, former and prospective residents 15 to 35 years of age.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA c. 389 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 389

**FUTURE FOR YOUTH IN MAINE STATE
WORK ACTION TACTICS TEAM**

§13161. Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team established

The Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team, referred to in this chapter as "the S.W.A.T. team," is established as an advisory body to bring together representatives of government, education, business and labor in a focused, coordinated effort to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature and to oversee strategies, including realigning and streamlining the State's economic development policies and resources, and specific efforts to retain and attract youth. For the purposes of this chapter, "youth" means persons 15 to 35 years of age.

1. Voting members; appointment. The S.W.A.T. team consists of the following 15 voting