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with the purposes and principles of this section. The Secretary of State may collect and distribute fees for other participating jurisdictions and receive fees from those jurisdictions collected on behalf of this State. The Secretary of State may collect, distribute and receive fees pursuant to the requirements of the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 authorized by PL 109-59.

**5. Rules.** The Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Public Safety, may make rules to implement a multistate agreement or federal program entered into under this section.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Allocates funds on a one-time basis for travel, printing and mailing costs that will be incurred as a result of the State's participation in the federal Unified Carrier Registration System.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
All Other	\$0	\$8,600
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>

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**CHAPTER 650**

**H.P. 1369 - L.D. 1955**

**An Act To Provide Emergency  
Regional Economic Development  
Assistance for Brunswick Naval Air  
Station**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-I, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

**11-A. Military redevelopment zone.** "Military redevelopment zone" means a specified area within a municipality that is contained within a labor market that includes a military facility that sustained a loss of 400 or more employed workers, if the loss was caused by a federal military facility closure or downsizing, during the 5-year period immediately preceding the time of application for designation as a military redevelopment zone, or is projected to sustain a loss of 400 or more employed workers during the 5-year period immediately following the time of application, and has been designated by the commissioner as a

military redevelopment zone under section 5250-J, subsection 2-A.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 451, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Washington County and the Downeast region; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§1, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 451, §1, is amended to read:

E. Up to 100 acres of land owned by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; up to 500 acres of land owned by the Penobscot Nation; and up to 500 acres of land owned by the Passamaquoddy Tribe; and

**Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. A military redevelopment zone.

**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Application for designation as military redevelopment zone.** The total area available for designation as a military redevelopment zone may not exceed 1,500 acres and:

A. Up to 500 acres of a military redevelopment zone that is within the appropriate labor market may be outside a military facility boundary. Applications for designation as a military redevelopment zone under this section must be received by the commissioner by August 1, 2011; and

B. Up to 1,000 acres of a military redevelopment zone may be reserved for property that is within the boundaries of a military facility that is subject to closure. Applications for designation as a military redevelopment zone under this section must be received by the commissioner beginning on the date of the military facility's closure and up to 7 years after the date of the military facility's closure.

A municipality may apply to the commissioner for the designation of a military redevelopment zone in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

**Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§3, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

G. ~~All~~ Except for a military redevelopment zone established pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph F, all property included within a Pine Tree Development Zone must meet one of the following:

(1) The property is located within a market area for which the labor market unemployment rate is greater than the state unemployment rate at the time of the application; or

(2) The property is included within a county in which the average weekly wage is below the state average weekly wage at the time of the application.

In the case of a multijurisdictional or joint application, the requirements of this paragraph are met if the combined unemployment rate of the cooperating units of local government meets the requirements of subparagraph (1) or the average weekly wage of the cooperating units of local government, on a per-employed-worker basis, meets the requirements of subparagraph (2); and

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**CHAPTER 651**

**H.P. 1376 - L.D. 1964**

**An Act To Assist Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Obtaining Information Regarding Current Events**

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

**Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §40** is enacted to read:

**§40. Accessible electronic information services**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Accessible electronic information service" means news and other information, including but not limited to newspapers, provided to eligible individuals from a multistate service center using high-speed computers and telecommunications technology for interstate acquisition of content and rapid distribution in a form appropriate for use by such individuals.

B. "Eligible individuals" means blind, visually impaired or disabled individuals who are eligible for library loan services through the Library of Congress and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 701.10(b).

C. "Qualified entity" means an agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the State or a nonprofit organization that:

(1) Provides interstate access for eligible individuals to read daily newspapers through producing audio or Braille editions by computer;

(2) Obtains electronic news text either over the Internet or through direct transfer arrangements made with participating news organizations; and

(3) Provides a means of program administration and reader registration on the Internet.

**2. Provision of service.** The State Librarian may enter into an agreement with a qualified entity to provide an accessible electronic information service for eligible individuals. If an agreement is entered into, the State Librarian may make use of federal and other funds available for this purpose.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funds for provision of accessible electronic information services.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 652**

**S.P. 716 - L.D. 1799**

**An Act To Exempt Trail-grooming Equipment from the Personal Property Tax**

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.