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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION January 6, 2010 to April 12, 2010

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SECOND REGULAR SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS JULY 12, 2010

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Augusta, Maine 2010

ing standards, practices and procedures of public safety answering points.

- **Sec. 12. Transition.** The terms of the 3 members of the Maine Communications System Policy Board who are first appointed under the section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1531, subsection 2, paragraph E must be staggered, with one member appointed for a one-year term, one member appointed for a 2-year term and one member appointed for a 3-year term.
- **Sec. 13. Retroactivity; application.** That section of this Act that repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2927, subsection 1-B and those sections that amend Title 25, section 2927, subsections 1-E and 1-F apply retroactively to January 1, 2010. The provisions of Title 25, section 2927, subsection 1-F, paragraph F do not apply to that section of this Act that amends Title 25, section 2927, subsection 1-F, paragraph A.
- **Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Allocates funds for consulting services to implement an E-9-1-1 quality assurance program.

| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| All Other | \$0 | \$150,000 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$0 | \$150,000 |

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

Effective April 7, 2010.

CHAPTER 618 H.P. 1266 - L.D. 1779

An Act To Prohibit Surcharges on the Use of Debit Cards

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §1-301, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:

17-A. Debit card. "Debit card" has the same meaning as in Title 10, section 1271, subsection 3.

- **Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §8-303, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 243, §25, is amended to read:
- 2. No \underline{A} seller in any \underline{a} sales transaction may not impose a surcharge on a cardholder who elects to use a credit card or debit card in lieu of payment by cash, check or similar means.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 619 H.P. 1294 - L.D. 1807

An Act To Establish Municipal
Cost Components for
Unorganized Territory
Services To Be Rendered in
Fiscal Year 2010-11 and To
Make Certain Changes in the
Laws Governing Tax
Increment Financing Payments
in the Unorganized Territories

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

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; 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:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2010-11 is as follows:

| Audit - Fiscal Administration | \$198,691 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Education | 12,529,594 |
| Forest Fire Protection | 93,916 |
| Human Services - General Assistance | 58,000 |