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servation and Forestry, the authority shall make payments directly to the board, which shall use those payments to implement the requirements of this section. During any period that the commissioner has authorized direct payments from the authority to the board, the authority shall make written annual reports to the commissioner and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters detailing the amounts of payments to the board and the dates payments were made and detailing the expenditure of those payments. Repayment of these the loans and interest on the loans must be credited to the fund to be available for making additional state loans for the same purposes, except that any interest earned on the cash balance of the fund may be used for the grants authorized by Title 7, section 975-A. In order to provide additional amounts for loans, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry commissioner, at the commissioner's discretion upon consultation with the board, may take such actions and enter into such agreements as may be necessary to sell or assign up to \$2,000,000 in the aggregate principal amount of loans and undivided interests in a pool of loans and assign or pledge any mortgage or other security to the authority, under the terms and conditions the commissioner considers advisable upon consultation with the board. The assignment and related transactions may not result in indebtedness of the State. The proceeds of the sale or assignment must be credited to the fund and used for the purposes authorized in this section.

Sec. 12. 10 MRSA §1023-N, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 125, §6 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

A purchaser of a modern storage facility that was previously financed with a state loan from the fund may receive a loan under the conditions of this section. Mortgages obtained from the fund may be assumed by subsequent purchasers of the property. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry board shall adopt rules concerning the purchase of existing buildings.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 404

H.P. 360 - L.D. 541

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Complimentary Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§4, ¶**C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at: 50% or more.

(1) One hundred percent; or

(2) Seventy percent or more as a result of honorable military service and who has served in a combat zone during any armed conflict in which participants were exposed to war risk hazards as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 1711 (b).

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 405

H.P. 588 - L.D. 837

An Act To Clarify the Laws Establishing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. Y, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Range 89. The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 89:

Director, Bureau of General Services;

Director, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations;

State Budget Officer;

State Controller;

Director, Division Bureau of Forestry;

Director, Governor's Office of Policy and Management;

Director, Energy Resources Office;

Director of Human Resources;

Director, Division <u>Bureau</u> of Parks and Public Lands; and

Director of the Governor's Office of Communications-:

Director, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; and

Director, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning.