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partment of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Snowmobile Trail Fund Donation Sticker Program. The commissioner shall establish the Snowmobile Trail Fund Donation Sticker Program. The commissioner shall design and issue 3 different Snowmobile Trail Fund donation stickers to reflect a donor's donation of \$25, \$50 and \$100, respectively. For every donation \$2 is retained by the department and the remainder is transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

A Snowmobile Trail Fund donation sticker is in addition to and separate from the snowmobile registration requirements of this section.

Sec. 4. Policies for the distribution of Snowmobile Trail Fund revenues; development and review. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall develop written policies specifying the criteria the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will use to distribute additional revenues raised pursuant to this act to snowmobile clubs. The policies must distribute the additional revenue to eligible snowmobile organizations using a per mile reimbursement formula. To the extent feasible, the additional revenues must be distributed in a geographically equitable manner.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit written policies for review to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and that committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature pertaining to the distribution of Snowmobile Trail Fund revenues.

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

Effective June 23, 2015.

CHAPTER 238

H.P. 819 - L.D. 1186

An Act To Promote Professional Training and Security in Maine Courts

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

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to

provide support for critical court functions such as entry screening and security as soon as possible; 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. 4 MRSA §17-D is enacted to read:

§17-D. Fees for training, security and other expenses

The State Court Administrator may establish fees on lawyers, guardians ad litem, interpreters, mediators and other professionals who routinely participate in court proceedings to cover the costs of training, orientation, continuing education, background investigations, entry screening and security provided to these professionals. The State Court Administrator also may establish fees on 3rd parties to cover the costs of the use of court facilities for purposes not related to court functions by those 3rd parties. All fees collected under this section must be deposited in a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used for these purposes only. This account may receive money from grants, gifts, bequests and donations.

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

Effective June 23, 2015.

CHAPTER 239

H.P. 197 - L.D. 279

An Act Regarding Payment under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6656, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. S, §15 and affected by §16, is further amended to read:

1. Reimbursement claim. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection 1-A, section 6652 and section 6662, upon receipt of a timely and properly completed claim for reimbursement, the State Tax Assessor shall certify that the claimant is eligible for reimbursement under this chapter. The assessor shall determine the benefit for each claimant and shall certify to the State Controller the amounts to be transferred to the Business Equipment