

LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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3. Fourteen percent increase. The salary schedules must be adjusted upward by 14% for all positions classified as Game Warden Pilot Supervisor.

4. Fifteen percent increase. The salary schedules must be adjusted upward by 15% for all positions classified as State Police Specialist, State Police Corporal, State Police Detective, State Police Polygraph Examiner, State Police Forensic Specialist, State Police Pilot, State Police Pilot Supervisor, State Police Polygraph Examiner Supervisor, State Police Sergeant-E, Game Warden, Marine Patrol Officer, Capitol Police Sergeant, Senior Fire Investigator, Fire Investigations Sergeant or Forensic Specialist, Dual Discipline.

5. Seventeen percent increase. The salary schedules must be adjusted upward by 17% for all positions classified as Game Warden Pilot.

6. Eighteen percent increase. The salary schedules must be adjusted upward by 18% for all positions classified as State Police Lieutenant, Capitol Police Lieutenant or Marine Patrol Specialist; and be it further

Sec. 2. Salary schedule for law enforcement supervisors changed. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources shall amend by August 1, 2016 its rules regarding compensation to ensure that the fixed salary schedule for positions classified as law enforcement supervisors within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Baxter State Park Authority is increased by 5%, effective for the first pay period commencing on or after July 1, 2016; and be it further

Sec. 3. Salary schedule for senior motor vehicle detectives changed. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources shall amend by August 1, 2016 its rules regarding compensation to ensure that the fixed salary schedule for positions classified as senior motor vehicle detectives within the Department of the Secretary of State is increased by 5%, effective for the first pay period commencing on or after July 1, 2016; and be it further

Sec. 4. Certain law enforcement confidential positions; similar and equitable treatment. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources shall adjust upward the salary schedules for those law enforcement confidential positions in the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources that the bureau determines to be similar to the law enforcement positions listed in section 1. The salary schedules must be adjusted consistently with the salary adjustment for the law enforcement positions listed in section 1. For the purposes of this section, "confidential position" means a position within the executive branch that is a position excluded from bargaining units pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 6, paragraphs B, C, D, I and J, including a probationary employee in such an excluded position; and be it further

Sec. 5. Positions subject to adjustment or approval by the Governor. Resolved: That the Governor may adjust in a manner consistent with the salary adjustment for the law enforcement positions listed in section 1 the salary schedules for unclassified law enforcement positions in the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources whose salaries are subject to the Governor's adjustment or approval; and be it further

Sec. 6. Transfer from Salary Plan program and special account funding. Resolved: That the funds in the Salary Plan program, General Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be used as needed in allotment by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used for the economic items contained in this resolve and in Public Law 2015, chapter 376 in fiscal year 2016-17. Positions supported from sources other than the General Fund and the Highway Fund must be funded from those other sources. Transfers from the Salary Plan program pursuant to this resolve may not exceed \$6,347,655 in fiscal year 2016-17.

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CHAPTER 81 S.P. 569 - L.D. 1471

Resolve, To Facilitate the Distribution of Food Harvested in Maine to Residents with Food Insecurity

Sec. 1. Finance Authority of Maine to select entity to provide food harvested in the State to residents with food insecurity and to administer funds. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine, through the request for proposal process, shall select and contract with an appropriate statewide entity to purchase, process, store and transport fresh and fresh frozen fruits and vegetables and seafood harvested in the State in order to increase access to fresh and fresh frozen fruit and vegetables and seafood to residents of the State with food insecurity. When selecting the entity, the authority shall consult with and accept assistance from experts in the areas of agriculture, food security and public health. The entity selected must be qualified in the safe handling of food products by adhering to all local, state and federal food safety regulations, by participating in an annual 3rdparty food safety audit performed by a nationally certified auditor and having experience in the distribution of food to low-income populations. The authority shall administer the funds allocated for the purposes stated in this section until they are finally disbursed and may retain a portion of those funds for the reasonable costs of administering this section; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine, as a condition of the award of the contract pursuant to section 1, shall require the entity selected to submit a report by December 1st of 2016, 2017 and 2018 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters and over health and human services matters. Each report must contain information regarding the entity's progress on meeting the purposes of section 1, including how funds were expended, types and amount of fruits, vegetables and seafood purchased and how access and availability were increased, and the efforts needed, if any, to achieve the purpose of providing food harvested in the State to residents with food insecurity; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Maine Harvested Food Products for Residents with Food Insecurity N222

Initiative: Allocates funds on a one-time basis to provide fresh and fresh frozen fruits and vegetables and seafood harvested in the State to residents of the State with food insecurity.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$3,000,000
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$0	\$3,000,000

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CHAPTER 82

H.P. 1163 - L.D. 1698

Resolve, Related To Legislative Review of a Change to the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 17

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 resolve extends the eligibility period for certain individuals who were eligible for community support services under Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 17 before the rule was updated on March 22, 2016; and

Whereas, it is possible that certain individuals may become ineligible to receive these services before the 90-day period expires; 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

Sec. 1. Transitional period. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall extend eligibility for community support services to each individual who received those services under Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 17, referred to in this resolve as "Section 17," before Section 17 was updated on March 22, 2016 and who have been found to no longer meet the eligibility requirements under the updated Section 17 until the individual is able to access appropriate services under another section of the MaineCare Benefits Manual; except that an extension of eligibility may not exceed a period of 120 days after that individual's current authorization period has expired; and be it further

Sec. 2. Continuation of bridging rental assistance program for certain individuals. Resolved: That any individual receiving housing subsidy vouchers under the bridging rental assistance program, referred to in this resolve as "BRAP," due to that individual's Section 17 eligibility immediately before Section 17 was updated on March 22, 2016 continues to remain eligible for BRAP housing subsidy vouchers, unless the individual becomes ineligible for BRAP housing subsidy vouchers for a reason unrelated to Section 17 eligibility; and be it further

Sec. 3. Additional transitional period possible. Resolved: That, until June 30, 2017, the Office of MaineCare Services within the department shall authorize 90-day extensions of community support