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CHAPTER 6
H.P. 92 - L.D. 124

**An Act To Make Changes to
the Potato Marketing
Improvement Fund**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §974-A, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 319, §4, are amended to read:

A. No state loan for any project under this article, the total cost of which exceeds ~~\$50,000~~ \$150,000, may exceed 45% of the project cost and no state loan may be provided for such a project unless the applicant demonstrates a commitment of private funds of at least 10% of the total cost of the project, except that, in order to encourage the undertaking of cooperative projects by 2 or more farmers, no state loan for such a project may exceed 50% of the total cost of the project and no state loan may be provided unless the cooperating farmers as a group demonstrate a commitment of private funds of at least 5% of the total cost of the project.

B. No state loan for any project under this article, the total cost of which is ~~\$50,000~~ \$150,000 or less, may exceed 55% of the total cost of the project.

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CHAPTER 7
H.P. 119 - L.D. 161

**An Act To Remove the
Treasurer of State from the
Maine Vaccine Board**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 595, §2, is amended to read:

A. The board consists of ~~10~~ 9 members.

(1) The commissioner shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

~~(2) The Treasurer of State shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.~~

(3) The Governor shall appoint 8 members, as follows:

(a) Three representatives of health insurance carriers, appointed from a list of

nominees submitted by a statewide association of health insurance carriers;

(b) Three representatives of providers in the State, appointed from lists of nominees submitted by statewide associations of providers, including associations of primary care providers, allopathic and osteopathic physicians, nurse practitioners and persons with expertise in public health;

(c) A representative of employers that self-insure for health coverage, appointed from lists of nominees submitted by statewide associations of employers; and

(d) A representative of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, appointed from a list of nominees submitted by a statewide association of pharmaceutical manufacturers.

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CHAPTER 8
H.P. 127 - L.D. 171

**An Act To Add the Air Medal
as an Option for a Special
Commemorative Decal on
Special Veterans Registration
Plates**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 22, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded. The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded a medal, badge or ribbon described in paragraphs A to ~~AA~~ BB when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying that the medal, badge or ribbon was awarded to the applicant. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for each set of special veterans registration plates issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be displayed on the front and back plates. The fee for a set of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants awarded the following medals, badges or ribbons:

A. Distinguished Service Cross;