MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SECOND REGULAR SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS AUGUST 1, 2018

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Augusta, Maine 2018

tional Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 299-A no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Provides an ongoing allocation to the Harness Racing Promotional Fund, which is being moved from the Harness Racing Promotional Board to the State Harness Racing Commission.

OTHER SPECIAL	2017-18	2018-19
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$0	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL	\$0	\$50,000
REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 372 S.P. 708 - L.D. 1863

An Act Regarding the Limit on the Number of Children Who May Be Placed in a Single Foster Home

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

Whereas, the emergency enactment of this legislation is necessary to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to place in appropriate foster homes children who are currently awaiting such placement; 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. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 629, §2, is amended to read:

1. Number; placement in children's homes. The limitations on the number of children in children's

homes shall do not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed number, if the purpose of the placement is to keep siblings together.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Number; placement in family foster home. The limitation on the number of children in a family foster home does not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed number in an individual case involving unusual circumstances if the department determines that placement to be appropriate.

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

Effective April 9, 2018.

CHAPTER 373 S.P. 634 - L.D. 1735

An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement

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

Whereas, critical and lifesaving emergency medical services are provided to patients on a daily basis in both rural and urban areas; and

Whereas, circumstances arise in which the provision of emergency medical services requires review for the purposes of quality improvement so that services may be delivered in a safe and efficient manner that produces maximum benefit to the health of the patient; and

Whereas, delay in reviews increases the risk of service delivery that may be less safe or less efficient or does not produce maximum benefit to the health of the patient; 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: