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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SECOND SPECIAL SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS DECEMBER 13, 2018

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Augusta, Maine 2019

ilies program, referred to in this resolve as "TANF," and the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, referred to in this resolve as "ASPIRE-TANF," to establish the following additional process for good cause determinations.

- 1. When a TANF or ASPIRE-TANF participant is notified that the participant has failed to comply with a program rule that includes notice of good cause and the participant claims within 5 working days of receiving the notification, either orally or in writing, that the participant had good cause for failing to comply, a representative of the department shall meet individually with the participant. The meeting must take place at the office of the department representative, or at a location agreed upon by the participant and the department representative, or the meeting may be conducted by telephone if the participant is unable to be physically present. The department shall provide at least 5 days' advance notice to the participant. At the meeting, the representative of the department shall:
 - A. Provide the participant with a notice describing good cause. The notice must include the participant's right to apply for a good cause exception:
 - B. Verbally explain to the participant the reasons for which a good cause exception may be granted and the participant's right to make an application for a good cause exception either orally or in writing; and
 - C. Provide the participant with the opportunity to make a request for a good cause exception from ASPIRE-TANF participation either wholly or in part.
- 2. The department's representative shall make a complete written record of the meeting under subsection 1, including documenting that the participant was given the notice describing good cause, the participant's reason for good cause and that the participant was given the opportunity to make a request for a good cause exception.
- 3. A department representative shall make a recommendation on the participant's request for a good cause exception, including the basis for the recommendation, in writing. The department shall then issue a final determination approving or denying, wholly or in part, the participant's request for a good cause exception, including notice of the right to a fair hearing. The determination must set forth the reasons for the application for a good cause exception being approved or denied. The department may not find lack of good cause prior to the final determination unless the participant fails to attend the scheduled meeting under subsection 1 without good cause.
- 4. The notice of a determination that results in a proposed sanction of the participant must include a

statement of why the participant does not qualify for a good cause exception.

Nothing in this section precludes a program participant from claiming good cause at any time.

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CHAPTER 68 H.P. 1237 - L.D. 1739

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

- Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.
- 1. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks, in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.
- 2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked with the earliest date is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before April 1, 2020.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

Upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser. Abbreviations and plan and lot references are identified in the 2016 Unorganized Territory valuation book. Parcel descriptions are as follows:

2016 MATURED TAX LIENS

TA R5 WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR022, Plan 1, Lot 15.1

038060057-3

Paasch, Robert and Jacquelin

4.12 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2016	\$963.59
2017	\$954.51
2018	\$1,161.49
2019 (estimated)	\$1,161.49
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Estimated Total	\$4,241.08
Taxes	
Interest	\$134.59
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$4,432.67

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$4,432.67. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$4,450.00.

T16 R5 WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR030, Plan 3, Lot 88

038900134-1

\$125 O4

Selinske, Robert et al.

2016

0.41 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2010	\$133.04
2017	\$133.77
2018	\$149.46
2019 (estimated)	\$149.46
Estimated Total	\$567.73
Estimated Total Taxes	\$567.73
Estimated Total	\$567.73 \$18.86

Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00

Total \$643.59

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$643.59. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$650.00.

Freeman TWP, Franklin County

Map FR025	, Plan 3, Lot 9	078080292-1

Skillin, Scott B.		0.52 acre
TAX LIAB	ILITY	
2016	\$44.02	
2017	\$42.37	
2018	\$47.88	
2019 (estimated)	\$47.88	
Estimated Total	\$182.15	
Taxes		
Interest	\$5.29	
Costs	\$38.00	
Deed	\$19.00	

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$244.44. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$250.00.

Total

\$244.44

Madrid TWP, Franklin County

Map FR029, Plan 2, Lot 52	071100265-1
Warren, Michael S.	57.00 acres
TAX LIABILITY	
2016	\$346.35
2017	\$333.39
2018	\$374.46

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2019 (estimated)	\$374.46	Vieira, Marc J.	0.29 acre with building
Estimated Total	\$1,428.66	TAX LIAB	BILITY
Taxes		2016	\$65.27
Interest	\$48.04	2017	\$67.87
Costs	\$38.00	2018	\$82.93
Deed	\$19.00	2019 (estimated)	\$82.93
Total	\$1,533.70	Estimated Total Taxes	\$299.00
Recommendation: Sell to	and minimum and the	Interest	\$9.23
former owner or the immed owner's heirs or devisees for		Costs	\$38.00
payment is not received wi		Deed	\$19.00
the effective date of this re- highest bidder for not less t	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Total	\$365.23

Fletchers Landing, Hancock County

Map HA004, Plan 2, Lot 39

Costs

Deed

Total

098040149-3

Davis, Frances J.

0.10 acre

TAX LIAE	BILITY
2016	\$6.70
2017	\$6.70
2018	\$7.07
2019 (estimated)	\$7.07
Estimated Total Taxes	\$27.54
Interest	\$0.93

\$38.00 \$19.00

\$85.47

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$85.47. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$100.00.

T6 R8 NWP (Williamsburg), Piscataquis County

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former

owner's heirs or devisees for \$365.23. If payment is not received within 60 days after

the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$375.00.

 Map PI001, Plan 1, Lot 28
 218270054-3

 Slagle, Lillian
 0.75 acre

TAX LI	ABILITY
2016	\$35.04
2017	\$36.26
2018	\$38.13
2019 (estimated)	\$38.13
Estimated Total Taxes	\$147.56
Interest	\$4.95
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$209.51

Kingman TWP, Penobscot County

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Map PE036, Plan 3, Lots 175} \\ \text{and } 176 \end{array}$

198080118-4

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate
former owner or the immediate former
owner's heirs or devisees for \$209.51. If
payment is not received within 60 days after
the effective date of this resolve, sell to the
highest bidder for not less than \$225.00.

Blanchard TWP, Piscataquis County

Map PI085, Plan 4, Lot 14.10

210400266-1

Sahlberg, Kurt W.

6.00 acres

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2016	\$103.67
2017	\$107.30
2018	\$112.82
2019 (estimated)	\$112.82
Estimated Total	\$436.61
Taxes	
Interest	\$19.56
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$513.17

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$513.17. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$525.00.

Taunton & Raynham TWP, Somerset County

Map SO031, Plan 5, Lot 8.6

258030201-1

Patterson, William A.

5.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2012	\$5,190.00
2013	\$179.12
2014	\$176.12
2015	\$181.04
2016	\$184.69
2017	\$185.15

2018	\$193.43
2019 (estimated)	\$193.43
Estimated Total Taxes	\$6,482.98
Interest	\$691.02
Costs	\$57.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$7,250.00

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$7,250.00. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$7,275.00.

T1 R1 NBKP (Rockwood Strip), Somerset County

Metivier, Jason D. et al.

0.06 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2016	\$41.60
2017	\$41.70
2018	\$43.56
2019 (estimated)	\$43.56
Estimated Total Taxes	\$170.42
Interest	\$5.83
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	\$233.25

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$233.25. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$250.00.

Trescott TWP, Washington County

 Map WA032, Plan 2, Lot 1
 298110081-2

 Dinsmore, David
 6.78 acres

TAX LIABILITY 2016 \$74.52 2017 \$77.22 2018 \$79.72 2019 (estimated) \$79.72 Estimated Total \$311.18 Taxes Interest \$11.42 Costs \$38.00 Deed \$19.00 Total \$379.60

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$379.60. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$400.00.

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CHAPTER 69 S.P. 117 - L.D. 439

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Convene a Task Force To Study the Need for Long-term Acute Care

- Sec. 1. Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene task force. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall convene a task force of stakeholders to evaluate the need for long-term acute care beds in the State.
- **Sec. 2. Task force duties. Resolved:** That the evaluation by the task force convened under section 1 must include:
- 1. An estimate of the patient population in the State needing services provided by long-term acute care hospitals and where that patient population is receiving care now;

- 2. An analysis of the financial impact of the lack of long-term acute care beds on patients, families and facilities in the State;
- 3. An evaluation of the best locations in the State for long-term acute care beds; and
- 4. An evaluation of the options available regarding the number of long-term acute care beds in the State, including an estimate of the costs to establish a long-term acute care hospital in the State and designating existing beds as long-term acute care beds.
- **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report the findings and conclusions of the task force under section 2, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 2, 2020. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 70 H.P. 233 - L.D. 309

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Direct a Study of the Regional Adjustment for School Administrative Units

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 directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, to study the regional adjustment for school administrative units under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; 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. Study of the regional adjustment for school administrative units. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall direct the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in the institute's review of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, to study and report to the department on