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PUBLIC 478 An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act LD 915

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ABROMSON MAYO		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-402
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Public Law 2001, chapter 478 makes the following changes to the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

1. It exempts additional types of insurance from being subject to the Act.
2. It excludes first-party claims by an insured whose net worth exceeds \$25,000,000.
3. It amends the definition of "insolvent insurer" to clarify that it applies to that group of insurers defined as "member insurers," and amends the definition to mean a member insurer against whom a final order of liquidation has been entered.
4. It enacts a definition of "person" to mean any individual or legal entity, including a governmental entity.
5. It sets a \$25,000 cap on a claim for the return of an unearned premium.
6. It establishes a bar date for filing covered claims of the earlier of 24 months after the order of liquidation or the final date set by a court and allows the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association to accept the late filed claims as covered claims for good cause.
7. It provides that the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association may intervene as a party in a case involving an insolvent insurer.
8. It requires that notification of an insolvency to insureds and other interested parties by the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association include prominent notice of the date by which a claim must be filed with the association.

**PUBLIC 487 An Act to Make Changes to the Respite Care Fund Administered LD 1938
by the Department of Human Services**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-771
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Public Law 2001, chapter 487 authorizes the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services to designate an amount from the Respite Care Fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

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**PUBLIC 522
EMERGENCY**

**An Act to Create a Digital Library to Meet the Educational
Research, Business and Economic Needs of Maine**

LD 1471

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROSEN EDMONDS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-767
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Public Law 2001, chapter 522 provides an Other Special Revenue fund allocation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be used for the creation of a digital library that is accessible statewide. It also requires the Public Utilities Commission to order the National Exchange Carrier Association to transfer \$500,000 by June 30, 2002 and \$500,000 by June 30, 2003 from the Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund to the University of Maine system to support the creation of the library.

Public Law 2001, chapter 522 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2002.

**PUBLIC 559
EMERGENCY**

**An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for
the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain
Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State
Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June
30, 2003**

LD 2080

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BERRY, R GOLDTHWAIT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-968 H-986 BERRY, R
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Public Law 2001, chapter 559 does the following summarized below by part and section:

PART	SECTION	DESCRIPTION
A	A-1	Makes appropriations and allocations of funds.
B	B-1	Makes appropriations and allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments.
	B-2	Distributes the fiscal year 2001-02 personal services savings implemented by financial order to the affected programs.
	B-3	Distributes the fiscal year 2001-02 All Other savings implemented by financial order to the affected programs.
C	C-1:C-5	Makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

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- D D-1:D-18 Specifies the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools actual education cost certification and appropriation levels for fiscal year 2002-03 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15605.
- D-19 Lapses funds from the Education in Unorganized Territory General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- D-20 Transfers funds from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- D-21 Provides lease purchase authorization for the Maine Learning Technology Endowment program.
- D-22 Provides additional appropriations for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.
- E E-1 Transfers funds from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- E-2 Extends to fiscal year 2002-03 repayment to the Maine Rainy Day Fund for funds transferred in fiscal year 2001-02 to address aquatic plants and nuisance species.
- E-3 Transfer funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Rainy Day Fund.
- F F-1:F-2 Authorizes the State Controller to establish an Other Special Revenue account for the Office of the Treasurer and the Bureau of Accounts and Control to recover costs of providing administrative services to the Maine Military Authority.
- F-3 Repeals the General Fund appropriation for debt service costs of a tax anticipation note issue in fiscal year 2001-02.
- G G-1 Postpones from January 1, 2003 to May 1, 2003 the scheduled 1/10th of one-percent increase in the percentage of sales and income tax receipts credited to the Local Government Fund.
- H H-1 Postpones for one year the phased-in reductions in tax rates on telecommunications personal property.
- I I-1:I-15 Amends the Real Estate Transfer Tax laws in order to apply the tax to transfers of controlling interests in entities with at least a 50% interest in real property in the same manner as transfers by deed and provides that the distribution of the State's share of the additional revenue be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.
- J J-1:J4 Repeals net operating loss carry backs for tax years beginning on or after 1/1/02 and retains the 2-year carry back provisions for tax years beginning before 1/1/02.
- K K-1 Authorizes the continuation of four limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget.
- L L-1 Adjusts the timing of the borrowing through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for courthouse projects in Rockland and other locations.

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- L-2 Authorizes \$55,000 of unencumbered balance appropriated to the Judicial Department of debt service to carry forward at the end of fiscal year 2001-02.
- M M-1 Transfers funds from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund on or before June 30, 2002.
- N N-1:N-2 Increases Retired Teachers Health Insurance from 35% to 40% effective April 1, 2003.
- O O-1 Authorizes use of the General Fund Salary Plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for authorized Personal Services costs and to receive transfers of Personal Services savings from General Fund accounts.
- O-2 Authorizes use of the General Fund and Highway Fund Salary Plans in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for range changes and reclassifications in the Department of Public Safety.
- O-3 Authorizes in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 the transfer by financial order balances of Personal Services appropriations between General Fund programs and departments.
- O-4 Authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal year 2002-03 All Other savings in General Fund accounts and make appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order.
- P P-1 Authorizes adjustments to the state cost allocation plan in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 which must be credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.
- P-2 Transfers funds from the Information Services Internal Service Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2001-02.
- Q Q-1 Lapses \$1,200,000 of the \$3,800,000 designated for the demolition of the Maine State Prison at Thomaston from the BPI Capital Construction/Repair General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- Q-2 Lapses \$250,000 from the BGS – Capital Construction & Improvement Reserve Fund – MCJA General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- R R-1 Lapses \$80,000 from the Attorney General - Contingent General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- S S-1 Authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 position count and amounts in General Fund accounts in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and make position count and appropriation adjustments to those accounts by financial order.
- S-2 Authorizes the continuation of one project position and two limited-period positions in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.
- T T-1 Authorizes the Commissioner of Conservation to increase parks and land fees by financial order.
- U U-1 Authorizes \$500,000 of the amounts appropriated to the Office of Tourism to be used for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2001-02 rather than being carried forward to fiscal year

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2002-03.

- U-2 Lapses \$6,000 from the Applied Technology Development Center System - Carrying Account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

- V V-1 Increases the amount of the cap of the Finance Authority of Maine's Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$20,000,000 to \$35,000,000 to allow additional transfers from the Loan Insurance Reserve in the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.
- V-2 Transfers funds in fiscal year 2001-02 from the Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund in the Finance Authority of Maine to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

- W W-1 Lapses \$325,000 from the Land for Maine's Future General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

- X X-1 Allows personal representatives to pay a fee to the probate court to permit the register to publish a notice to creditors.
- X-2:X-4 Allows the State to file a claim for Medicaid reimbursement against the assets of an estate as long as the claim is filed within 4 months of the filing for probate or the appointment of a personal representative.
- X-5 Allows the Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules that impose a penalty for the transfer of certain assets.
- X-6 Lapses funds from the Medical Care – Payments to Providers General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- X-7 Lapses funds from the Nursing Facilities General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- X-8 Lapses funds from the TANF General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.
- X-9 Requires up to \$5,583,019 of the carrying balance on June 30, 2001 to be used to reimburse the State's 2 free-standing, non-profit psychiatric hospitals for services provided to indigent patients when these expenses can not be reimbursed from Medicaid or Disproportionate Share programs.
- X-10 Requires the Departments of Human Services and Behavioral and Developmental Services to pursue federal reforms for disproportionate share payment for institutes for mental disease and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by February 15, 2003.

- Y Y-1 Authorizes the transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the General Fund Carrying Balances – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and the allotment of those funds in fiscal year 2002-03 by financial order.

- Z Z-1:Z-3 Amends the insurance code to accrue interest to the General Fund from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund retroactive to July 1, 1995 and transfers funds from the Bureau of Insurance Regulatory Fund to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

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- AA AA-1:AA-8 Establishes additional reporting requirements for the Fund for a Healthy Maine and adjusts current allocations by establishing new program names to help segregate and improve tracking of Fund for a Healthy Maine expenditures.
- BB BB-1:BB-6 Moves Personal Care Assistants program from DHS to the Department of Labor.
- CC CC-1:CC-8 Implements a child welfare initiative that includes: changes to the laws on child welfare services; provides clarification of the roles of the Department of Human Services and parents; authorizes the courts to hold prehearing conferences in child welfare cases; requires the Department of Human Services to adopt performance measures and provide quality indicator reports; and implements an automatic suspension of hiring of caseworkers based on caseworker caseload sizes. Part CC also provides funding for additional caseworkers and case aides, paralegal services, and other support staff and provides funding for a number of other child welfare initiatives including: safe and sober home programs, family visitation services, kinship projects, expanding the community intervention program, family support pilot programs, and continuing pilot programs for homeless youth (Related to LD 2031).
- DD DD-1:DD-4 Establishes 5 demonstration sites to provide adult remedial education services to former students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (Related to LD 1889).
- EE EE-1:EE-2 Changes an Assistant to the Commissioner position within the Department of Public Safety to a Deputy Commissioner position.
- FF FF-1 Deappropriates funds from savings due to a slower start-up and phase-in of Medicaid coverage to noncategorical eligible adults funded in PL 2001, c. 450.
- GG GG-1:GG-26 Establishes partial conformity with the US Internal Revenue Code as of 3/15/02 for purposes of the estate tax and the income tax. Conformity is established for the estate tax except for deaths occurring in 2002. Conformity for the income tax for tax years beginning in 2002 is contingent upon adequate resources being transferred to the General Fund from the Tax Conformity Reserve. A conformity factor is established to adjust the income tax with respect to depreciation, if resources are not adequate. This part also provides for the transfer of savings from any Federal Financial Participation rate change to the Maine Rainy Day Fund and establishes the order of priority for the transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2001-02.
- HH HH-1:HH-3 Requires the Department of Human Services to administer a program to limit coverage to persons who test positive for HIV; the HIV Medicaid waiver program.
- II ii-1:II-4 Directs the use of certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine designated for oral health initiatives to provide one-time grants to community oral health programs, to increase oral health services provided through Medicaid and to increase Medicaid dental reimbursement rates.
- JJ JJ-1 Establishes that cost items in the Maine Technical College System collective bargaining agreements are to be included in the Governor's budget and are subject to Legislative approval.

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- KK KK-1:KK-6 Establishes a program of training requirements for capitol security officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to notify the Legislative Council about prospective rules pertaining to security in the capitol area; and requires the Department of Public Safety to establish a protocol for greater coordination between the Bureau of Capitol Security and the Bureau of State Police, Special Services Unit.
- LL LL-1 Provides that at least \$2,000,000 be available in the Telecommunications Education Access Fund over the 4-year period beginning August 1, 2002 for purposes other than to support the learning technology plan and the digital library at the University of Maine.
- MM MM-1 Requires that, for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 only, the Governor submit a report if the Governor's recommendations for operational costs of applied research and development differ from the equivalent of not less than 2% of total actual General Fund revenue of the previous year.
- NN NN-1 Designates the Thomas M. Teague Biotechnology Center of Maine, located in Fairfield, Maine, as the Biotechnology Center of Maine.
- OO OO-1 Requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to provide an estimate of the anticipated funding need for every election and authorizes the commission to submit legislation to request additional funding.
- PP PP-1:PP-2 Allows the use of any money received from the sale of armories up to \$300,000 during fiscal year 2002-03 to fund the National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program.
- QQ QQ-1 Provides that a retired teacher who is collecting retirement and benefits from the Maine State Retirement System and who becomes an employee of the Legislature be eligible for health insurance in the same manner as any other employee of the Legislature.
- RR RR-1:RR-19 Provides for the implementation of the special retirement plan for game wardens and marine patrol officers originally enacted by PL 2001, c. 439 on a contingent basis.
- SS SS-1:SS-2 Requires the Department of Human Services to continue to provide a limited respite benefit for eligible persons, subject to availability of funds, as a result of the shift of the home-based care program to Medicaid.

Public Law, chapter 559 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2002.

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PUBLIC 590 **An Act to Give the Maine Technical College System Limited Revenue Bonding Authority** **LD 1819**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Under current law, the University of Maine System has the authority to issue revenue bonds up to \$100,000,000 and the Maine Maritime Academy has the authority to incur debt up to \$4,000,000. These statutes enable the university and academy to improve their facilities without pledging the credit of the State. Public Law, chapter 590 authorizes the Maine Technical College System to issue up to \$35,000,000 in revenue bonds and to issue bonds through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

PUBLIC 631 **An Act to Increase Home Ownership** **LD 2036**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL BENNETT	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-763
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Public Law 2001, chapter 631 increases the amount of bonds that the Maine State Housing Authority may issue that are enhanced by the State's moral obligation by \$500,000,000 to \$2,150,000,000. These bonds are primarily used for the authority's first time home buyer program and secured by first mortgages.

PUBLIC 674 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$28,500,000 to Capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund, to Provide Grants to Public Educational Institutions to Install Sprinkler Systems in Dormitories, to Renovate the Harlow Office Building and to Provide a Center for Homeless Teenagers** **LD 2128**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL MICHAUD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM A OTP-AM B OTP-AM C	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1080 H-1108 BERRY, R
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Public Law 2001, chapter 674 authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$28,500,000 to capitalize the State's School Revolving Renovation Fund for repairs and improvements in public school facilities to address health, safety and compliance deficiencies, general renovation needs and learning space upgrades; to provide grants to public educational institutions to install sprinkler

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PUBLIC 709 An Act to Clarify that the Sales Tax Exemption for Purchase of LD 457
Manufacturing Equipment Applies Equitably

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH GREEN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-412 S-598 GOLDTHWAIT

Public Law 2001, chapter 709 expands the sales tax exemption for machinery and equipment used:

1. In the generation of digital television broadcast signals, for sales from March 1, 2003 to July 2003; and
2. In the generation of all radio and television broadcast signals (excludes cable television transmission), for sales after June 30, 2003.

Public Law 2001, chapter 709 was vetoed by the Governor on April 17, 2002 and the veto was overridden by the Legislature on April 24, 2002.

P&S 44 An Act to Fund the Collective Bargaining Agreements and LD 2057
EMERGENCY Benefits of State Employees Who are Members of the American
Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council
No. 93

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL BENNETT		H-759 BERRY R

Public and Special Law 2001, chapter 44 Part A implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council #93.

1. It reflects the costs from the General Fund to fund salary increases, market and pay equity adjustments and benefits.
2. It provides for a lump-sum payment in fiscal year 2001-02 for bargaining unit members.
3. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2001-02.
4. It provides for the adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2002-03.
5. It provides for a new step above the current highest step of the salary schedule.
6. It provides for similar and equitable treatment of probationary and other employees.

Part B authorizes use of the salary plan program to fund the collective bargaining agreement and other cost items, provides that positions supported from other funds must be funded whenever possible from those other

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sources and provides for reimbursement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs incurred in the process of collective bargaining, contract administration and related costs.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 15, 2002.

**P&S 71 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of LD 2120
\$24,100,000 for Water Pollution Control, Drinking Water, Water
for Crops and Fish-rearing Facilities, to Clean up Hazardous
Substances and Tire Stockpiles, Promote Public Geographic Data,
Recapitalize the Potato Marketing Fund and Capitalize the Dam
Repair Fund**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	OTP-AM A OTP-AM B OTP-AM C	S-607 COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 71 authorizes a General Fund bond issue to be submitted to the voters in November, 2002 in the amount of \$24,100,000 for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$5,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;
2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove overboard discharges;
3. The sum of \$7,000,000 to make renovations and enhance wastewater treatment at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish-rearing facilities;
4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health, safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;
5. The sum of \$1,000,000 to clean up uncontrolled hazardous substance sites;
6. The sum of \$500,000 to remediate solid waste landfills;
7. The sum of \$500,000 to clean up tire stockpiles;
8. The sum of \$500,000 to provide funds for the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund and the renovation of and capital repairs and improvements to locks under the control of the Bureau of Parks and Lands;
9. The sum of \$1,800,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$6,000,000 in federal funds;
10. The sum of \$2,300,000 to acquire the technology and services required to establish an Internet-based Maine public library of geographic data, to improve citizens' access to public geographic data, to make grants to municipalities for voluntary automation of parcel and zoning maps to uniform standards, to provide the state match for at least \$1,600,000 in federal funds and to participate in intergovernmental data development agreements;

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11. The sum of \$1,500,000 to support household hazardous waste collection and public recycling;
12. The sum of \$1,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;
13. The sum of \$500,000 to construct environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and
14. The sum of \$500,000 to recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

**P&S 72 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of LD 2129
\$25,000,000 to Build a New Correctional Facility in Machias and
to Make Improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South
Windham**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAGLEY SHOREY	ONTP	H-1110 BERRY, R

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 72 authorizes a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000 to raise funds to build a new correctional facility in Machias and to make improvements to the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham.

**P&S 73 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of LD 2130
\$34,970,000 to Stimulate Job Growth in Maine, to Renovate
Certain State Facilities and to Promote Homeland Security and
Tourism**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD RICHARDSON	OTP-AM A OTP -AM B OTP-AM C	S-561 H-1107 BERRY, R

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 73 authorizes a General Fund bond issue to be submitted to the voters in June, 2002 in the amount of \$34,970,000 to stimulate job growth, renovate buildings, defend against terrorism in Maine and promote tourism to be used for the following purposes:

1. Funds of \$4,000,000 for the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide loans and grants to municipalities for public infrastructure to support economic development and other purposes of the fund;
2. Funds of \$8,000,000 to the Finance Authority of Maine to create and retain Maine jobs through the funding of community, regional and state business financing programs;
3. Funds of \$540,000 for the protection of the lives and property of Maine citizens;

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4. Funds of \$6,000,000 to capitalize the Maine Rural Development Authority to facilitate job creation through the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial buildings in Maine;
5. Funds of \$400,000 for renovation of buildings and associated infrastructure at the Schoodic Education and Research Center. State bond funds will match \$4,000,000 in federal funds;
6. Funds of \$5,000,000 for the construction of a facility for product development and support that will provide the University of Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems;
7. Funds of \$4,000,000 for the construction of a facility for product development and support that will provide the University of Southern Maine with the resources needed to help solve daily manufacturing and engineering problems;
8. Funds of \$5,500,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
9. Funds of \$1,000,000 for the planning and construction of the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's in Lewiston;
10. Funds of \$5,000,000 to construct an auditorium and civic center in Bangor if matching funds are raised locally;
11. Funds of \$30,000 to assist the Moosehead Marine Museum in the renovation of its flagship, the Katahdin; and
12. Funds of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Center Theater in downtown Dover-Foxcroft.

RESOLVE 72 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Make LD 874
Recommendations to the Legislature to Provide More Stable
Financial Support for the Casco Bay Island Transit District

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY ABROMSON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-762
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Resolve 2001, chapter 72 requires the Commissioner of Transportation to report the Department of Transportation's recommendations regarding the adequacy of the state operating subsidy for the Casco Bay Island Transit District to the Legislature by January 1, 2003.

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RESOLVE 74 **Resolve, to Allow the Courts to Utilize the Maine Governmental** **LD 1866**
EMERGENCY **Facilities Authority to Issue a Bond of \$2,500,000 to Finish the**
Repairs at the Lewiston District Court

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAILHOT ROTUNDO	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-760
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Resolve 2001, chapter 74 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue a bond in the amount of \$2,500,000 in order to finish repairs at the Lewiston District Court. This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause in order for the resolve to take effect when approved. This amendment allows the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities as early as April 1, 2002, to complete the repairs of the Lewiston District Court. It also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Resolve 2001, chapter 74 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 21, 2002.

RESOLVE 96 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and** **LD 2035**
Emergency Management to Make Recommendations to the
Legislature to Provide Increased Outreach Activities for Women
Veterans

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'BRIEN, L	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-828 BERRY, R.
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Resolve 2001, chapter 96 directs the Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to review the report of the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans, to develop a plan to meet the outreach needs of women veterans and to implement outreach activities. The Commissioner is also required to report back to the Legislature by January 15, 2003 on the progress of implementing outreach activities for women veterans.

RESOLVE 120 **Resolve, to Establish and Fund the Task Force on Rail** **LD 2214**
EMERGENCY **Transportation**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Resolve 2001, chapter 120 establishes and funds the Task Force on Rail Transportation.

Resolve 2001, chapter 120 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

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RESOLVE 121 Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission LD 472

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER	OTP-AM	H-852

Resolve 2001, chapter 121 establishes a study commission to examine various issues associated with being a father in Maine and provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the reimbursement of necessary expenses of public members of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, as well as printing and mailing costs.

**RESOLVE 122 Resolve, Appropriating Funds for the Seeds of Peace International LD 1931
Camp**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-859 S-590 GOLDTHWAIT

Resolve 2001, chapter 122 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to support scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield.