

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
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(3) Information pertaining to the ~~credit worthiness~~ creditworthiness of a named employee;

(4) Information pertaining to the personal history, general character or conduct of members of an employee's immediate family; and

(5) Complaints, charges or accusations of misconduct, replies to those complaints, charges or accusations and any other information or materials that may result in disciplinary action. If disciplinary action is taken, the final written decision relating to that action is no longer confidential after ~~it~~ the decision is completed. The decision ~~shall~~ must state the conduct or other facts on the basis of which disciplinary action is being imposed and the conclusions of the acting authority as to the reasons for that action; ~~and,~~

For purposes of this subparagraph, "final written decision" means:

(a) The final written administrative decision that is not appealed pursuant to a grievance arbitration procedure; or

(b) If the final written administrative decision is appealed to arbitration, the final written decision of a neutral arbitrator.

A final written administrative decision that is appealed to arbitration is no longer confidential 120 days after a written request for the decision is made to the employer if the final written decision of the neutral arbitrator is not issued and released before the expiration of the 120 days; and

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**CHAPTER 230**

**S.P. 354 - L.D. 956**

**An Act to Clarify the Misbranded Food Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 115, is amended to read:

**13. Monosodium glutamate, MSG.** If a person sells, offers for sale or serves in any retail store, hotel, restaurant or other public eating place any food or food product, whether or not in package form, to which that person has added monosodium glutamate directly in crystal form, unless:

A. The package in which that food or food product is offered for sale conspicuously bears a label or stamp indicating that the food or food product contains monosodium glutamate;

B. When the food or food product is offered for consumption and is not packaged, a conspicuous label or sign is placed on the food, immediately next to the food, immediately next to the food's listing on the menu, or in an open manner where the food order or food product is obtained, indicating that the food or food product contains monosodium glutamate; or

C. There is a conspicuously displayed directory to which customers can refer for information on the contents of unpackaged products offered for sale.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2166**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 49, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, a person who violates section 2157, subsection 13 for the first time must be issued a warning only. A person who violates section 2157, subsection 13 for a 2nd or subsequent time commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$100 may be adjudged.

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**CHAPTER 231**

**H.P. 518 - L.D. 746**

**An Act to Improve the Administration of Municipal Accounts**

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

**36 MRSA §760-A** is enacted to read:

**§760-A. Minor or burdensome amounts**

**1. Not collected.** After the date for perfection of collections, municipal officers may discharge collectors from any obligation to collect unpaid personal property taxes that the municipal officers determine are too small or too burdensome to collect economically and authorize the municipal treasurer to remove those taxes from the municipal books.

**2. Discharged.** Collectors shall identify the unpaid taxes discharged under subsection 1 on the tax lists.

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