

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

December 5, 1990 to July 10, 1991

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
1991

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**PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS**

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on rates of these changes to the workers' compensation insurance laws and shall conduct a hearing within 30 days after the filing is made. Evidence and argument must be limited to matters relevant to evaluation of the effect of these changes on rates and the time limitations of Title 24-A, section 2363, subsections 3, 6, 11 and 12 do not apply. Any proceeding held pursuant to this Act must be considered a filing for a rate change under the terms of Title 24-A, section 2363, subsection 9, paragraph B. The rates and any surcharges established by the decision of the Superintendent of Insurance on the pending proceeding and the valuation change are effective beginning July 1, 1991.

This section does not apply to any rate proceeding commenced on or after October 1, 1991.

**Sec. 2. Repeal.** This Act is repealed on October 1, 1991.

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

Effective June 11, 1991.

## CHAPTER 17

H.P. 1239 - L.D. 1805

### An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Save Loring Committee

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

**Whereas,** Loring Air Force Base is considered a pillar of Aroostook County's economy; and

**Whereas,** on April 12, 1991 Loring Air Force Base was one of 31 major installations targeted for closing by the federal Department of Defense; and

**Whereas,** the list of proposed closings will be submitted for review to an independent base-closing commission; and

**Whereas,** municipal managers and community leaders have formed a committee to gather information to present to the independent base-closing commission in an attempt to reverse the recommendation to close Loring Air Force Base; and

**Whereas,** in order to launch a successful campaign to reverse the decision to close Loring Air Force Base it is imperative that the committee receive funds immediately; 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:**

**Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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#### Miscellaneous Acts and Resolves

All Other	\$50,000
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Provides funds to the Save Loring Committee.

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

Effective June 12, 1991.

## CHAPTER 18

S.P. 40 - L.D. 64

### An Act to Provide Funds for Women with Substance Abuse Problems

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

**Sec. 1. Needs assessment.** The Office of Substance Abuse shall conduct an assessment of the needs of chemically dependent women and shall report its findings, along with a plan to address those needs, to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by January 15, 1992.

**Sec. 2. Technical assistance.** The Office of Substance Abuse shall seek federal demonstration project grants for women's programs and provide technical assistance to private agencies to seek federal demonstration project grants for women's programs.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 19

H.P. 1080 - L.D. 1574

### An Act to Revise the Charter of the South Berwick Water District