

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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**FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION**

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
1993

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**OF THE**  
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these expenditures will be offset by an equal increase of undedicated General Fund revenue.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION	_____	
TOTAL	\$10,000	

## EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

## Education in the Unorganized Territory

All Other	\$404,000	\$418,000
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Provides funds for the cost of educating students in the Town of Greenfield. This appropriation is contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of Greenfield. If approved, these expenditures will be offset by an equal increase of undedicated General Fund revenue.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	_____	_____
TOTAL	\$404,000	\$418,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$414,000	\$418,000
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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved unless otherwise indicated.

Effective pending referendum, unless otherwise indicated.

## CHAPTER 80

## H.P. 45 - L.D. 61

**An Act to Establish a Consistent Expiration Date for Shellfish Licenses and Marine Worm Digger's Licenses**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6301, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 52, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Expiration.** A license or certificate issued by the commissioner expires on December 31st of the year in which it is issued, except that ~~a shellfish sanitation certificate, authorized under section 6856, shall expire on April 30th of each year.;~~

A. A depuration certificate issued under section 6856 expires on April 30th of each year;

B. A shellfish license issued under section 6601 expires on April 30th of each year; and

C. A marine worm digger's license issued under section 6751 expires on April 30th of each year.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to all shellfish and marine worm digger's licenses valid on the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 3. One-time transfer from gas tax fund.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Marine Resources is authorized to fund working capital for its Shellfish Fund and its Marine Worm Fund by a transfer of money from the department's gas tax fund to cover a one-time cash flow shortfall in the Shellfish Fund and Marine Worm Fund in fiscal year 1993-94. These funds must be returned to the gas tax fund prior to July 1, 1994.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 81

## S.P. 82 - L.D. 195

**An Act to Increase the Penalty for Abuse of Animals**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4016,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

**§4016. Violation**

Any person who violates this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$500 not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 for each offense may must be adjudged and for which such other relief as may be necessary to restore the animal to good health or to ameliorate the effects of cruelty and to ensure that the animal is well cared for may be ordered.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1031, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §4, is amended to read:

**3. Penalty.** Cruelty to animals is a Class D crime. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall impose a fine of not less than \$100 for each violation of this section.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 82

## H.P. 149 - L.D. 201

**An Act to Establish a Statute of Limitations for Claims against Titles to Property Acquired for Nonpayment of Taxes**