

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
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nually by vote of the municipal officers. ~~No disbursements other than wages and benefits may be made until a majority of the municipal officers have signed the disbursement warrant;~~

(2) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of payments for municipal education costs when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the school superintendent and approved by a majority of the school board or by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the school board. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers;

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## CHAPTER 97

H.P. 205 - L.D. 267

### An Act Concerning Court Approval of Minor Settlements

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

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1605**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 540, §17-A, is amended to read:

#### **§1605. Settlements to be approved by court**

No settlement of any action brought in behalf of an infant by next friend or defended on ~~his~~ the infant's behalf by guardian or guardian ad litem ~~shall be~~ is valid unless approved by the court in which the action is pending, or affirmed by an entry of judgment. If no action has been commenced, an infant by next friend may apply to any court in which an action based on the claim of the infant could have been commenced for an order approving the settlement of any such claim. An order approving such a settlement ~~shall have~~ has the effect of a judgment. The court may make all necessary orders for protecting the interests of the infant, including requiring that funds be disbursed through establishment of a trust, and may require the guardian ad litem or next friend to give bond to truly account for all money received in behalf of the infant.

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## CHAPTER 98

H.P. 273 - L.D. 351

### An Act Related to Common Nuisances

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2741**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 279, §9, is further amended to read:

#### **§2741. Common nuisances; jurisdiction to abate**

All places used as houses of ill fame; or for the illegal sale or keeping of intoxicating liquors or ~~narcotic~~ scheduled drugs, or resorted to for lewdness or gambling; all houses, shops or places where intoxicating liquors are sold for tipping purposes; and all places of resort where intoxicating liquors are kept, sold, given away, drunk or dispensed in any manner not provided for by law are common nuisances. The Superior Court ~~shall have~~ has jurisdiction, upon information filed by the county Attorney General or the district attorney or upon complaint filed by not less than 7 legal voters of ~~his~~ that county setting forth any of the facts contained ~~herein~~ in this section, to restrain, enjoin or abate the same, and an injunction for such purpose may be issued by ~~said~~ the court. Such an injunction ~~shall~~ forever ~~run~~ runs against the building or other place or structure while titled in the name of the same owner under which the nuisance is committed was initially enjoined. The injunction ceases to run against the building or other place or structure upon transfer of ownership to a bona fide purchaser. Following the issuance of such an injunction, if the Attorney General or district attorney has reasonable grounds to question whether a transfer of ownership is to a bona fide purchaser, the Attorney General or district attorney, within one year from the date of transfer of ownership, shall move the court to reinstate the injunction against the title of the new owner. No dismissal of such information or complaint ~~shall~~ may prevent action upon any information or complaint subsequently filed covering the same subject matter.

For purposes of this subchapter, proof by a preponderance of evidence that an owner or occupant of a building or other place or structure, or any part thereof, has trafficked or furnished at the building, place or structure, or any part thereof, any scheduled drug as defined by Title 17-A, chapter 45 on 2 or more occasions within a 3-year period is sufficient to prove that the building, place or structure is a common nuisance.

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## CHAPTER 99

H.P. 301 - L.D. 389

### An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Financial Institution Service Corporations