# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

## STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 1997

- **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the task force may request staffing assistance from the Bureau of Taxation and the Legislative Council; and be it further
- **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the task force who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the task force upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses. Other members are not entitled to reimbursement of expenses; and be it further
- Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its report, which must include a plan to implement a single-form filing and payment system for state and federal taxes for use by small businesses, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later than January 1, 1998. If the task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further
- **Sec. 8. Meetings. Resolved:** That the task force may meet up to 4 times; and be it further
- **Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

#### **LEGISLATURE**

# Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing

Personal Services \$660 All Other 1,100

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing.

### LEGISLATURE TOTAL

\$1,760

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#### **CHAPTER 67**

H.P. 1038 - L.D. 1455

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 500: Stormwater Management, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality

- Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 500: Stormwater Management, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized, with the following amendments to the rule. The rule must provide an exception to the requirement that designs required as part of the application for an individual permit or a permit by rule must be prepared under the supervision of or designed by a registered professional engineer. The exception must allow either a registered professional engineer or a professional who is registered, licensed or certified in a related land use field, who is knowledgeable in storm water management and who has received training in the design of ditches, grassed swales and level spreaders at a department-sponsored workshop to prepare, when required as part of an application for a project with less than 3 acres of new impervious area, the following designs:
- 1. Designs of ditches, swales and other open storm water channels that drain no more than one acre of land; and
- 2. Designs of level spreaders that receive drainage from no more than one acre of land; and be it further
- Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, no later than January 15, 1998, shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on proposed measures that would reduce the contribution of nonpoint source pollution to Maine lakes, streams and coastal waters from existing sources. In developing these measures, the Department of Environmental Protection shall consult with members of small businesses and a broad cross-section of potentially affected stakeholders, as well as other relevant agencies and Legislators. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature regarding application of the storm water management laws statewide and to existing sources.

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