

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
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scene of a fire or other emergency. The light must be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of the vehicle or on the dashboard. A light mounted on the dashboard must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision.

(3) Members of an emergency medical service licensed by Maine Emergency Medical Services may display and use on a vehicle a flashing red signal light of the same proportion, in the same location and under the same conditions as those permitted municipal and volunteer firefighters, when authorized by the chief official of the emergency medical service.

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## CHAPTER 79

H.P. 54 - L.D. 46

### An Act To Allow Free Clinics To Purchase Medications and Supplies through State Contracts

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1811, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §65, is further amended to read:

**8. Cooperative purchasing.** To permit any political subdivision or ~~School Administrative District~~ school administrative district in the State of Maine or nonprofit free health care clinic that provides free primary or preventative services to make purchases of foodstuffs, materials, equipment and supplies through the Bureau of General Services, subject to such procedures, rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the director. This subsection applies to a municipality notwithstanding any provision in its municipal charter to the contrary; and

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## CHAPTER 80

S.P. 290 - L.D. 895

### An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of Contract Law Enforcement Officers

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Enforcement of municipal ordinances.** A municipality lacking an organized police department may contract with the State Police or a sheriff's department to enforce ordinances enacted by the municipality. State Police officers and deputy sheriffs are authorized to enforce municipal ordinances as agreed to in the contract.

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## CHAPTER 81

H.P. 346 - L.D. 454

### An Act To Clarify Campaign Finance Penalty Provisions

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1127, sub-§1**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

**1. Civil penalty.** In addition to any other penalties that may be applicable, a person who violates any provision of this chapter or rules of the commission adopted pursuant to section 1126 is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per violation payable to the fund. This penalty is recoverable in a civil action. In addition to any fine, for good cause shown, a candidate found in violation of this chapter or rules of the commission may be required to return to the fund all amounts distributed to the candidate from the fund. If the commission makes a determination that a violation of this chapter or rules of the commission has occurred, the commission shall assess a fine or transmit the finding to the Attorney General for prosecution. Fines paid under this section must be deposited in the fund. In determining whether or not a candidate is in violation of the expenditure limits of this chapter, the commission may consider as a mitigating factor any circumstances out of the candidate's control.

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## CHAPTER 82

S.P. 115 - L.D. 333

### An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Reports to the State Auditor

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