

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 2, 2008 to March 31, 2008**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 1, 2008 to April 18, 2008**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 30, 2008**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 18, 2008**

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

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2008**

Initiative: Provides funds for the reimbursement of expenses for members of the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$1,062	\$3,187
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,062	\$3,187
<b>EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$1,062	\$3,187
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,062	\$3,187
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
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SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

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

Effective April 23, 2008.

**CHAPTER 677**

**H.P. 1403 - L.D. 2019**

**An Act To Make Capital Rail Improvements for Economic Development Purposes**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4210-B, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Sales tax revenue.** Beginning July 1, 2009 and every July 1st thereafter, the State Controller shall transfer to the STAR Transportation Fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor, that is equivalent to 50% of the revenue from the tax imposed on the value of rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 for the first 6 months of the prior fiscal year after the reduction for the transfer to the Local Government Fund under Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5. Begin-

ning on October 1, 2009 and every October 1st thereafter, the State Controller shall transfer to the STAR Transportation Fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor, that is equivalent to 50% of the revenue from the tax imposed on the value of rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 for the last 6 months of the prior fiscal year after the reduction for the transfer to the Local Government Fund. The tax amount must be based on actual sales for that fiscal year and may not consider any accruals that may be required by law. The amount transferred from General Fund sales and use tax revenues does not affect the calculation for the transfer to the Local Government Fund.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 678**

**S.P. 779 - L.D. 1985**

**An Act To Meet the Emergency Needs of Maine Veterans**

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

**Whereas,** necessary emergency assistance to veterans in need of funds must be provided before the end of the legislative session; 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:**

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. QQ, §2, is amended to read:

**1-A. Financial assistance.** Financial assistance may be granted as follows.

A. The bureau may provide a grant of temporary assistance not to exceed ~~\$200 per month and not to exceed \$600 in any 12 month period~~ to a veteran in this State who has filed a valid claim for a veteran's pension, pending notification of the award of such a pension, if that veteran is not incarcerated or a permanent resident of a nursing home and requests such assistance. For purposes of this paragraph, "claim for a veteran's pension" means a claim filed with the federal Veterans'