

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2009**

**CHAPTER 23  
S.P. 77 - L.D. 227**

**An Act To Raise the Fee a Bail  
Commissioner May Charge**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §1023, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 15, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Fees.** A bail commissioner is entitled to receive a fee not to exceed ~~\$40~~ \$60 for the charges pursuant to which the defendant is presently in custody. The bail commissioner shall submit such forms as the Judicial Department directs to verify the amount of fees received under this subsection. The sheriff of the county in which the defendant is detained may create a fund for the distribution by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee for the payment in whole or in part of the ~~\$40~~ \$60 bail commissioner fee for those defendants who do not have the financial ability to pay that fee.

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**CHAPTER 24  
H.P. 27 - L.D. 32**

**An Act To Clarify the  
Disposition of Fines from  
Maine's Soft-shelled Clam  
Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Municipal fines.** In accordance with Title 30-A, section 3001, a fine collected pursuant to this section must be paid to the municipality in which the violation occurred.

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**CHAPTER 25  
S.P. 24 - L.D. 65**

**An Act To Increase the Ability  
of the Maine Wage Assurance  
Fund To Pay Unpaid Workers**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §632, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 202, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Amount in fund.** The Maine Wage Assurance Fund ~~shall be~~ is a nonlapsing, revolving fund limited to a maximum of ~~\$100,000~~ \$200,000. All ~~moneys~~ money collected from an employer pursuant to a claim for unpaid wages by an employee who has received payment from the fund, or by the State as ~~his~~ the em- ployee's subrogee, ~~shall be~~ is credited to the fund.

The fund ~~shall~~ must be established and augmented periodically as necessary.

~~Moneys~~ Money in the fund not needed currently to meet claims against the fund ~~shall~~ must be deposited with the Treasurer of State to be credited to the fund and may be invested in such manner as is provided for by statute. Interest received on that investment ~~shall~~ must be credited to the Maine Wage Assurance Fund.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158**

Initiative: Increases the allocation in the Maine Wage Assurance Fund to a maximum of \$200,000 beginning in fiscal year 2009-10.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$95,194	\$95,194
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$95,194	\$95,194

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**CHAPTER 26  
H.P. 126 - L.D. 147**

**An Act To Facilitate the  
Protection of Electric Utility  
Consumer Interests in Public  
Utility Commission Cases  
Involving the Construction,  
Rebuilding or Relocating of  
Transmission Lines**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§10-A** is enacted to read:

**10-A. Filing fee to Office of the Public Advocate.** When a person pays a filing fee to the commission pursuant to subsection 9, the person shall, at the same time, pay to the Office of the Public Advocate an amount equal to 1/100 of 1% of the estimated cost to erect, rebuild or relocate the transmission line. The