

# 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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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

OTHER SPECIAL	\$68,835	\$92,142
REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

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**CHAPTER 233  
S.P. 268 - L.D. 693**

**An Act To Clarify the Status  
and Benefits of Employees of  
the Child Development  
Services System**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶F-7** is enacted to read:

F-7. Any employee of a regional site of the Child Development Services System under Title 20-A, section 7209, if the group health plan is agreed to in collective bargaining and funds are available.

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**CHAPTER 234  
H.P. 835 - L.D. 1210**

**An Act Regarding Volunteer  
Lobbyists**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §312-A, sub-§10**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 691, §5, is amended to read:

**10. Lobbyist.** "Lobbyist" means any person who is specifically employed by another person for the purpose of and who engages in lobbying in excess of 8 hours in any calendar month, or any individual who, as a regular employee of another person, expends an amount of time in excess of 8 hours in any calendar month in lobbying. "Lobbyist" does not include a lobbyist associate. "Lobbyist" does not include an individual who receives no compensation for lobbying other than reimbursement for lobbying-related travel within the State and reimbursement for other out-of-pocket expenditures made by the individual for printing, postage and food and lodging connected with lobbying activities paid for by the individual. For the purposes of this subsection, "reimbursement for other out-of-pocket expenditures" does not include reimbursement for the individual's time spent lobbying that

would have been otherwise compensated by an employer or in the course of the individual's employment.

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**CHAPTER 235  
H.P. 763 - L.D. 1108**

**An Act To Amend the Statute  
of Limitations under the Maine  
Human Rights Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4611**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 393, §28, is further amended to read:

**§4611. Complaint**

Any person who believes that the person has been subject to unlawful discrimination, or any employee of the commission, may file a complaint under oath with the commission stating the facts concerning the alleged discrimination, ~~provided except that such complaints~~ a complaint must be filed with the commission not more than ~~6 months~~ 300 days after the alleged act of unlawful discrimination. In addition, any person may file a complaint pursuant to section 4632.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4612, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 243, §6, is further amended to read:

B. The commission or its delegated commissioner or investigator shall conduct such preliminary investigation as it determines necessary to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that unlawful discrimination has occurred. In conducting an investigation, the commission, or its designated representative, must have access at all reasonable times to premises, records, documents, individuals and other evidence or possible sources of evidence and may examine, record and copy those materials and take and record the testimony or statements of such persons as are reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The commission may issue subpoenas to compel access to or production of those materials or the appearance of those persons, subject to section 4566, subsections 4-A and 4-B, and may serve interrogatories on a respondent to the same extent as interrogatories served in aid of a civil action in the Superior Court. The commission may administer oaths. The complaint and evidence collected during the investigation of the complaint, other than data identifying persons not parties to the complaint, is a matter of public record at the conclusion of the investigation of the complaint prior to a determination by the commission. An investigation is concluded upon issuance of a let-