

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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ciliation when changes in sales are due to a change in the number of customers or a change in the volume of consumption. In determining the reasonableness of any such rate-adjustment mechanism, the commission shall apply the standards of section 301 and shall consider the transfer of risks associated with any such changes in sales and, to the extent these risks are transferred between the utility and its customers, the commission shall consider the effect of the transfer of risk in determining a utility's allowed rate of return.

2. Report. The commission, as part of its annual report pursuant to section 120, shall list rate adjustments that have been requested and those that have been granted.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 116
H.P. 132 - L.D. 174**

**An Act To Amend the Maine
Clean Election Act Regarding
Candidate Participation in
Political Action Committees**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-F is enacted to read:

6-F. Participation in political action committees. A participating candidate or a certified candidate may not establish a political action committee for which the candidate is a treasurer or principal officer or for which the candidate is primarily responsible for fund-raising or decision making. This prohibition applies between April 1st immediately preceding a general election through:

A. The date on which the candidate withdraws from a race;

B. The date of the primary election or general election for a candidate who loses either election; or

C. January 1st immediately preceding the next general election for a candidate who wins the general election.

This prohibition also applies to a participating candidate or certified candidate in a special election, except that the prohibition begins on the date of the candidate's nomination. This subsection does not prohibit a participating candidate or certified candidate, including a certified candidate who wins a general or special election, from engaging in fund-raising or decision making for a party caucus political action committee, a ballot question committee or a political action committee formed for the purpose of promoting or opposing a

ballot question. This prohibition applies to a participating candidate or certified candidate regardless of the date on which the political action committee was established.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2016.

**CHAPTER 117
S.P. 74 - L.D. 199**

**An Act To Improve the
Reporting of Child Abuse**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 211, Pt. B, §18 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Required report to department. The following adult persons shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department when the person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected or that a suspicious child death has occurred:

- A. When acting in a professional capacity:
 - (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern;
 - (2) An emergency medical services person;
 - (3) A medical examiner;
 - (4) A physician's assistant;
 - (5) A dentist;
 - (6) A dental hygienist;
 - (7) A dental assistant;
 - (8) A chiropractor;
 - (9) A podiatrist;
 - (10) A registered or licensed practical nurse;
 - (11) A teacher;
 - (12) A guidance counselor;
 - (13) A school official;
 - (14) A youth camp administrator or counselor;
 - (15) A social worker;
 - (16) A court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad litem for the child;
 - (17) A homemaker;