

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

and visitors in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities, including, but not limited to, camping; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period since recreational camping season begins Memorial Day weekend in the month of May; 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. 12 MRSA §682, sub-§18, as amended by PL 2009, c. 16, §1, is further amended to read:

18. Transient occupancy. "Transient occupancy" means occupancy that does not exceed ~~420~~ 150 days in a calendar year.

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

Effective May 9, 2025.

CHAPTER 62

S.P. 200 - L.D. 465

An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §353-B, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 631, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The fees for waste discharge license groups are the 2019 bill amounts increased by a factor of 1.4, unless otherwise indicated, as follows.

Discharge group	Basis for annual fee	Median fee for discharge group	Water quality improvement surcharge
Publicly owned treatment facilities, 10,000 gallons per day or less	annual fee 2019 bill amount	\$543	

Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 10,000 gallons per day to 0.1 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$689
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Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 0.1 million gallons per day to 1.0 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,063
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Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 1.0 million gallons per day to 5.0 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$2,241
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Publicly owned treatment facilities, greater than 5 million gallons per day or with significant industrial waste	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$7,850
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Major industrial facility, process wastewater (based on EPA list of major source discharges)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$33,919
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Other industrial facility, process wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$2,093
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Food handling or packaging wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,135		Sanitary overboard discharge, residential sources 600 gallons per day or less	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$231	\$75
Fish-rearing Terrestrial fish-rearing facility 0.1 million gallons per day or less	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$538		Sanitary overboard discharge, residential sources more than 600 gallons per day	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$313	\$75
Fish-rearing Terrestrial fish-rearing facility over 0.1 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,368		Sanitary overboard discharge, public sources	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$315	\$75
Marine aquaculture facility	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$529		Aquatic pesticide application	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,110	
<u>Marine finfish aquaculture facility</u>	<u>annual fee</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>		Snow dumps	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$550	
Noncontact cooling water	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$330		Salt and sand storage pile	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$738	
Industrial or commercial sources, miscellaneous or incidental nonprocess wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$626		Log storage permit	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$727	
Municipal combined sewer overflow	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$711		General permit coverage for industrial storm water discharges (except construction)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$588	
Sanitary wastewater, excluding overboard discharge	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,268		General permit coverage for marine aquaculture facility	annual fee	2019 bill amount <u>\$1,682</u>	\$230 <u>\$1,682</u>	
Sanitary overboard discharge, commercial sources	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$446	\$75	<u>General permit coverage for municipal separate storm sewer system</u>	<u>annual fee</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>	
					General permit coverage (other)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$283	

Experimental discharge license	license fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,550
New or amended mixing zone, in addition to other applicable fees	flat fee	\$9,254	---
Formation of sanitary district	flat fee	\$693	---
Transfer of license for residential or commercial sanitary wastewater	flat fee	\$140	---

On an annual basis, municipalities and publicly owned treatment works whose combined sewer overflows have the potential to affect shellfish harvesting areas as determined by the department by virtue of their locations within estuarine or marine waters of the State must be assessed a surcharge on their wastewater discharge licenses in a total amount of \$12,000. This amount must be allocated among the municipalities and publicly owned treatment works according to their prior 3-year average annual flows as reported to the department.

On an annual basis, publicly owned treatment works whose outfalls licensed for the discharge of treated effluent cause adjacent shellfish growing areas to be closed for the purposes of harvesting shellfish must be assessed a license surcharge in a total amount of \$25,000. This amount must be allocated among the publicly owned treatment works according to the acreage that each licensed outfall closes. This acreage must be determined by the Department of Marine Resources in consultation with the department.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures that support activities for water quality control operations, including licensing, compliance evaluation, monitoring, data acquisition, data management and administration.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$55,791	\$57,409
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,791	\$57,409

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 63

H.P. 755 - L.D. 1150

An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2157 is enacted to read:

§2157. Sheltering or aiding missing child

1. Duty to inform law enforcement officer. If a person knowingly shelters or aids in obtaining shelter for a missing child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, the person shall inform a law enforcement officer as to the missing child's location and condition if the law enforcement officer contacts that person as part of the investigation of the missing child.

2. Violation. A person who violates subsection 1 is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 64

S.P. 18 - L.D. 6

An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12254, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §216 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

1. Prohibition. A person may not set a trap for any wild animal without having the trap plainly labeled with that person's full name and address or that person's trapping online licensing system identification number issued by the department.

See title page for effective date.