

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 4, 2024 to March 21, 2025

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
March 25, 2025 to June 25, 2025

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Service shall take into consideration geographic and demographic diversity in membership and ensure that membership of the committee includes a youth advocate and representatives of all applicable state agencies, the outdoor education program provider community, the natural resources community and upper elementary and middle school education.

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

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program Fund N427

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service's administration of the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program in the event that funds from public or private sources are received.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

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

Effective May 23, 2025.

CHAPTER 85

S.P. 402 - L.D. 912

An Act to Limit the Amount of Electricity That May Be Provided to Data Centers on a Certain Commercial or Industrial Site

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

Whereas, economic development in certain areas of the State requires ensuring that energy resources are available to a variety of employers and industries; and

Whereas, this legislation is immediately necessary to ensure that local sources of electricity generation are not monopolized by data centers; 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. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20-B, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 205, §2, is amended to read:

B. The entity's tenants; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20-B, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 205, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. Commercial or industrial consumers located on the property where the entity is located or on abutting property; or

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §102, sub-§20-B, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Commercial or industrial consumers located on a commercial or industrial site within the control area of the New England independent system operator and located in a municipality north of the Town of Chester that was served by the entity or its predecessor without using the transmission and distribution plant of a public utility prior to December 31, 2018. The exception under this paragraph does not apply if more than 25% of the nameplate capacity of the entity is used to serve data centers located on the commercial or industrial site. For the purposes of this paragraph, "data center" means any facility in the State, which may be a freestanding structure or a facility within a larger structure, that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store and transmit digital information that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

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

Effective May 23, 2025.

CHAPTER 86

S.P. 410 - L.D. 954

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee

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

Whereas, this legislation amends the laws governing the membership of the Government Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible during the current legislative session in order to clarify the membership requirements of the committee; 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. 3 MRSA §993, first ¶, as amended by PL 2023, c. 417, §1, is further amended to read:

The membership of the committee and the selection of chairs are established by joint rule of the Legislature. Beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the committee must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters ~~and at least one member must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. No 2 members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party.~~

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to December 4, 2024.

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

Effective May 23, 2025.

CHAPTER 87

S.P. 597 - L.D. 1456

An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued

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

Whereas, this legislation is a way to support Maine's hospitality sector and businesses that cater to tourists, and the tourism season is crucial for the State's economy and public well-being; and

Whereas, the tourism season, which brings millions of visitors and significant revenue to the State, relies on a regulated and enjoyable environment, including accessible and responsible alcohol sales; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the tourism season begins; 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. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is further amended to read:

1. Issuance of licenses. The bureau may issue licenses under this section to breweries, small breweries, tenant breweries, wineries, small wineries, tenant wineries, distilleries, small distilleries, bottlers and rectifiers in the State that operate under federal law and federal supervision.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is amended to read:

1-A. Definition. For purposes of this section, "manufacturing facility" means the premises of a brewery, small brewery, tenant brewery, winery, small winery, tenant winery, distillery or small distillery licensed under this section where liquor products are produced.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §226, is further amended to read:

2. Manufacturers other than bottlers and rectifiers. The following provisions apply to brewery, small brewery, tenant brewery, winery, small winery, tenant winery, distillery and small distillery licensees.

A. A licensee governed by this subsection may permit sampling of a liquor product produced by that licensee on the premises where the liquor product is produced:

- (1) By employees for the purpose of quality control of the product; and
- (2) By wholesalers for the purpose of determining whether to carry the product as a wholesale product if the licensee pays the excise tax on the product sampled according to section 1652.

B. A licensee governed by this subsection may serve to the public samples of liquor produced by the licensee at the manufacturing facility where that liquor is produced by the licensee under the conditions specified in this paragraph.

- (1) The licensee may sell samples to the public or offer samples to the public at no cost.
- (2) The licensee shall pay the excise tax, if any, according to section 1652 on all samples