

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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~~ployed~~ trained by the State and identified by the department or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a person who is qualified to properly conduct inspection activities.

Sec. 5. Study of watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants; review of protocols and restrictions. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife jointly shall review watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1862, subsection 1 and make recommendations related to how these protocols and restrictions could be strengthened. The commissioners jointly shall also evaluate how information about restrictions is communicated to members of the public. By January 1, 2026, the commissioners shall submit a report, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on their findings and recommendations with respect to watercraft inspection protocols and surface use restrictions on inland waters of the State known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants and how information on restrictions is communicated to members of the public. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 117
S.P. 310 - L.D. 693**

**An Act to Support the
Department of the Secretary of
State, Bureau of Corporations,
Elections and Commissions**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and
Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Establishes 3 Office Specialist II positions and provides funding for All Other.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$350,430	\$363,045
All Other	\$29,647	\$8,602

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$380,077	\$371,647
FUNDS TOTAL		

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**CHAPTER 118
S.P. 370 - L.D. 837**

**An Act to Require Positions
Taken by the Public Advocate
to Be Consistent with the Cost-
effective Implementation of the
State's Greenhouse Gas
Emissions Reductions
Obligations**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 79, §2, is amended to read:

10. Independent representation of the interests of the using and consuming public. The Public Advocate, when taking a position on any matter in any proceeding or forum pursuant to the Public Advocate's authority under this chapter, shall exercise independent judgment to ensure the position:

A. Is consistent with the priorities established in section 1702-A and the requirements of this chapter; ~~and~~

B. Promotes stabilization and lowering of prices paid by those members of the using and consuming public whose interests the Public Advocate is representing; ~~and~~

C. Is consistent with the cost-effective implementation for ratepayers of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions obligations established in Title 38, section 576-A.

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**CHAPTER 119
H.P. 536 - L.D. 850**

**An Act to Amend the Motor
Vehicle Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §161, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 419, §1 and reallocated by PL 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §25, is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Secretary of State may adopt rules to administer this section. Rules adopted under this paragraph