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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

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

Effective June 20, 2025.

CHAPTER 93

S.P. 374 - L.D. 841

Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Unbridged Island Communities in the State

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

Whereas, emergency medical services are essential services and failing to provide these essential services adversely affects public health; and

Whereas, addressing the delivery of emergency medical services to unbridged island communities will require input and collaboration from several stakeholders; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to address these issues; 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

Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall convene a working group to study the delivery of emergency medical services to and ferry service implications on unbridged island communities in the State. The study must include an evaluation of the long-term sustainability of emergency medical services to unbridged islands, legal and regulatory requirements related to such services and a cost comparison to emergency medical services needs and costs statewide.

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 consists of the following members:

1. The Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety, or the director's designee;

2. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that is served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

3. A representative of a municipal government of an unbridged island community that is not served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

4. A representative who provides emergency medical services on an unbridged island community served by the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

5. A representative of the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service;

6. A representative of an organization with experience in providing air ambulance critical care transport services in the State;

7. A representative of a statewide association representing ambulance services; and

8. A representative of a municipal fire department that provides marine emergency medical services that are not primarily facilitated through a ferry service to an unbridged island community.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Both committees may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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

Effective June 20, 2025.

CHAPTER 94

H.P. 5 - L.D. 41

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.

1. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, at least 90 days prior to listing property for sale, the State Tax Assessor shall send a written notice to the last known address of the former owner by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail of the sale process under Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

2. After 90 days, the State Tax Assessor shall list and sell the property with a real estate broker or agent licensed under Title 32, chapter 114 using the sale process described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

3. If, after 3 attempts, the State Tax Assessor is unable to contract with a real estate broker or agent for the sale of the property, or the broker or agent is unable to sell the property within 12 months after listing, the State Tax Assessor shall sell the property to the highest bidder for an amount not less than the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.

4. Following the sale of any property under this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall pay the former owner any excess sale proceeds in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice of sale under subsection 3, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before August 1, 2026.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

Upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations and plan and lot references are identified in the 2022 Unorganized Territory valuation book. Parcel descriptions are as follows:

2022 MATURED TAX LIENS

E Township, Aroostook County

Map AR108, Plan 03, Lot 13.1 031600078-2

Durost, Charles E., Avis R. and Troy 10.00 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$95.64
2023	$194.81
2024	$295.50
2025 (estimated)	$295.50
Estimated Total Taxes	$881.45
Interest	$20.20
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$958.65

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Bancroft Township, Aroostook County

Map AR110, Plan 03, Lot 14 030400196-1

McLaughlin, Jay R. 241.00 acres, 90% ownership

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$321.10
2023	$322.07
2024	$426.97
2025 (estimated)	$426.97
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,497.11
Interest	$32.15
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$1,586.26

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Albany Township, Oxford County

Map OX016, Plan 02, Lot 183.2 178022044-1

Savage, Michelle L. and Michael L. 1.54 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$116.00
2023	$118.00
2024	$121.41
2025 (estimated)	$121.41
Estimated Total Taxes	$476.82
Interest	$11.68
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$545.50

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Milton Township, Oxford County

Map OX018, Plan 04, Lot 2 178120109-3

Bennett, Michael 0.20 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$50.27
2023	$51.14
2024	$52.08
2025 (estimated)	$52.08
Estimated Total Taxes	$205.57
Interest	$5.07
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$267.64

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Kingman Township, Penobscot County

Map PE036, Plan 03, Lot 48 and 52 198080150-6

Talarico, Massimo and Kristen Spaulding 1.36 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$80.04
2023	$87.11
2024	$102.26
2025 (estimated)	$102.26
Estimated Total Taxes	$371.67
Interest	$8.28
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$436.95

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Grand Falls Township, Penobscot County

Map PE037, Plan 03, Lot 47 192500095-1

Oldenburg, Norman 0.23 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$39.24
2023	$42.70
2024	$41.45
2025 (estimated)	$41.45
Estimated Total Taxes	$164.84
Interest	$4.06
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$225.90

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Prentiss Township, Penobscot County

Map PE038, Plan 04, Lot 21 195400379-1

Currier, George 0.11 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$115.31
2023	$125.50
2024	$134.90
2025 (estimated)	$134.90
Estimated Total Taxes	$510.61
Interest	$11.94
Costs	$38.00

Deed	$19.00
Total	$579.55

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Greenfield Township, Penobscot County

Map PE039, Plan 04, Lot 14.11 192700148-1

Bergeron, Marguerite 1.00 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$238.88
2023	$259.99
2024	$243.52
2025 (estimated)	$243.52
Estimated Total Taxes	$985.91
Interest	$24.73
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$1,067.64

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Orneville Township, Piscataquis County

Map PI082, Plan 01, Lot 54.1 218210477-2

Jaffee, David 2.00 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$95.82
2023	$96.81
2024	$97.62
2025 (estimated)	$97.62
Estimated Total Taxes	$387.87
Interest	$9.62
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$454.49

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Long Pond Township, Somerset County

Map SO034, Plan 02, Lot 10 258330039-4

Rankin, Gregory K. 1.45 acres, 50% ownership

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$301.84
2023	$314.90
2024	$424.33
2025 (estimated)	$424.33
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,465.40
Interest	$30.71
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$1,553.11

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Concord Township, Somerset County

Map SO081, Plan 01, Lot 46.2 258180037-1

Gozdek, Joseph, Jr. 0.39 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$72.87
2023	$76.02
2024	$83.15
2025 (estimated)	$83.15
Estimated Total Taxes	$315.19
Interest	$7.41
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$379.60

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Concord Township, Somerset County

Map SO081, Plan 02, Lot 64.1 258180332-4

Martel, Keith 1.54 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	$200.13
2023	$208.79
2024	$215.73
2025 (estimated)	$215.73
Estimated Total Taxes	$840.38
Interest	$20.36
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$917.74

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

T29 Middle Division, Washington County

Map WA009, Plan 02, Lot 6 298020009-2

Elliott, Edward A., Sr. and Ann M. 0.80 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	$445.41
2023	$877.24
2024	$877.20
2025 (estimated)	$877.20
Estimated Total Taxes	$3,077.05
Interest	$85.81
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$3,219.86

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

T30 Middle Division, Washington County

Map WA010, Plan 01, Lot 1 298260005-1

Dalton, Kerry 0.00 acre, building on leased land

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	$144.50
2023	$149.94
2024	$175.68
2025 (estimated)	$175.68
Estimated Total Taxes	$645.80
Interest	$14.67
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$717.47

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Brookton Township, Washington County

Map WA028, Plan 01, Lot 6.3 298010136-1

Cropley, Steven W. 2.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY	
2022	$84.49
2023	$87.67
2024	$100.51
2025 (estimated)	$100.51
Estimated Total Taxes	$373.18
Interest	$8.58
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$438.76

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Brookton Township, Washington County

Map WA028, Plan 01, Lot 32 298010162-1

Kinney, Paul 7.50 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$160.40
2023	$386.93
2024	$457.09
2025 (estimated)	$457.09
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,461.51
Interest	$25.10
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$1,543.61

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Edmunds Township, Washington County

Map WA029, Plan 01, Lot 66 298040121-3

Griffin, Michael 6.50 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$71.32
2023	$74.00
2024	$79.51
2025 (estimated)	$79.51
Estimated Total Taxes	$304.34
Interest	$7.24
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$368.58

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

Marion Township, Washington County

Map WA031, Plan 01, Lot 61 298100122-1

McMahon, Walter J. et al. 60.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2022	$269.20
2023	$279.33
2024	$346.59
2025 (estimated)	$346.59
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,241.71
Interest	$27.32
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$19.00
Total	$1,326.03

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs if payment is received within 90 days of the effective date of this resolve. If the payment is not received from the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees, list and sell the property in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 95

S.P. 46 - L.D. 29

Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council and the Calais Branch Rail Use Advisory Council

Preamble. Whereas, the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act requires the Department of Transportation to seek legislative approval for any conversion of a state-owned rail corridor in which the department controls the right-of-way to a nonrail recreational or nonrecreational transportation use; and