

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUFFY of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representative LARRIVÉE of Gorham, Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Require State Audit and Review of Quasi-municipal  
Corporations Granted by State Charter.**

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

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3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §243, sub-§ 3-B is enacted to read:

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5 3-B. Audit and review of quasi-municipal corporations. To  
6 establish procedures for and perform annual audits and reviews of  
7 all accounts and other financial records of all quasi-municipal  
8 corporations established under state charter, as defined in Title  
9 30-A, section 2351. Upon completion of the audits and reviews,  
10 the auditor shall submit final public reports to the appropriate  
11 municipal officers and any state agencies that have subject  
12 matter jurisdiction in the quasi-municipal corporations' areas of  
13 operation. The expense of these audits and reviews must be paid  
14 completely by the quasi-municipal corporations;

15 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2358 is enacted to read:

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17 §2358. Required state audit and review

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19 In order to establish accountability and protect consumers,  
20 quasi-municipal corporations established under state charter are  
21 required to submit to and cooperate with an annual state audit  
22 and review pursuant to Title 5, section 243, subsection 3-B.

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24 1. State auditor; costs. The audit and review must be  
25 conducted by the State Auditor. All costs associated with the  
26 audit and review must be paid for by the quasi-municipal  
27 corporation.

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29 2. Requirements. The quasi-municipal corporation shall  
30 provide whatever documentation or information the State Auditor  
31 requires by rule.

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33 3. Report. The final report of the State Auditor is a  
34 public document. Copies of the report must be sent to the  
35 municipal officers in the municipalities where the corporation  
36 provides services and to any appropriate state agency that has  
37 jurisdiction over the subject matter of the corporation's area of  
38 operation, including but not limited to the Public Utilities  
39 Commission and the Department of Transportation.

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43 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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45 This bill adds the creation and implementation of an annual  
46 audit and review process of quasi-municipal corporations to the  
47 duties of the State Auditor. The bill also requires  
48 quasi-municipal corporations to participate in these audits and  
49 pay any associated costs. Further, reports resulting from these  
50 audits and reviews are declared public documents and their  
51 distribution to appropriate municipal officials and state  
52 agencies is required.