

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature  
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SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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An individual holding such an initial license may represent as many insurers as may appoint such individual pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA § 1619, sub-§ 1, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 248, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

An individual holding such an initial license may represent as many insurers as may appoint such individual pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA § 1674, sub-§ 1, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

An individual holding such an initial license may represent as many insurers as may appoint such individual pursuant to this chapter.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 160

AN ACT to Authorize the Real Estate Commission to Administer Oaths and Affirmations at Hearings.

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

32 MRSA § 4056, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Hearings. The commission, at its hearings required by law, shall have authority to administer oaths and affirmations. Such hearings may be held for purposes of denial of a license or revocation or suspension of a real estate school certificate of approval.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 161

AN ACT to Aid Municipalities in the Purchase of Surplus State Property.

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

5 MRSA § 1813, sub-§ 6 is amended to read:

6. Surplus property. Providing for transfer of supplies, materials and equipment which are surplus from one state department or agency to another which may need them, and for the disposal by private and public sale of supplies, materials and equipment which are obsolete and unusable; provided, however, that if any political subdivision in the State requests to purchase any such obsolete and unusable items, then the disposal shall be by private sale to that political subdivision, except that other state departments or agencies having an interest in said equipment shall have the option of first refusal; said equipment to be retained for a period of at least one year in a current ongoing program. Any item purchased by a political subdivision under this

section shall not be sold or transferred by that political subdivision for a period of 6 months from the date of said private sale and the State reserves the right to refuse to sell additional equipment to a political subdivision if it is determined that said political subdivision has not retained the equipment for the required period of 6 months;

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 162

### AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the State Share of the Spruce Budworm Control Program and Imposing a Tax on Forest Lands for Spruce Budworm Control.

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

Whereas, a severe outbreak of spruce budworm has developed in the forests of Maine, threatening the destruction of one of Maine's outstanding natural resources, threatening further destruction by fire and damage to wildlife and other environmental damage, and threatening the economy and employment of the State; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to control this outbreak so as to save the 3,500,000 acres of Maine forest to be sprayed and the other Maine forest lands which are vulnerable to the spread of this infestation; 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. 36 MRSA c. 365 is enacted to read:

### CHAPTER 365

### FOREST LANDS

#### § 2701. Excise tax

The owners of parcels consisting of more than 500 acres of forest land, including timber and grass rights in public reserve lots, within the State, which are classified as forest land pursuant to chapter 105, subchapter II-A, the Tree Growth Tax Law, shall be subject to an excise tax on such parcels of forest land for the year 1975 only. The tax rate shall be 30¢ per acre. In cases of divided ownership of such forest land, the owner or owners of timber and grass rights, or timber rights, shall be subject to such tax. The proceeds of such tax shall be used by the Bureau of Forestry for spruce budworm control and associated research.

§ 2701-A. Municipal assessors certification to State Tax Assessor