

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CHAPTER 162

### AN ACT Concerning the Criminal Penalty for the Crime of Deceptive Business Practices.

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

17-A MRSA § 901, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

4. Deceptive business practices is a Class ~~E~~ D crime.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 163

### AN ACT to Clarify Procedures Concerning the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Indian Housing Mortgage Insurance.

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

30 MRSA § 4788, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 618, § 1, is amended to read:

The Maine State Housing Authority is authorized to request the Treasurer of State to issue up to \$1,000,000 in state general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay any necessary and proper costs or charges arising for any reason, including default of any policy issued pursuant to section 4787, subsection 2, and incurred as a result of its insuring or undertaking to insure payment of mortgages for Indian housing on an Indian reservation.

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## CHAPTER 164

AN ACT to Require Committees and Subcommittees of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and of the Maine Maritime Academy to Hold Open Meetings.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA § 402, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 758, is amended to read:

B. Any board or commission of any state agency or authority, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and any of its committees and subcommittees, the administrative council of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA § 402, sub-§ 3, ¶ E, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 758, is amended to read:

E. Records, working papers, interoffice and intraoffice memoranda used by or prepared for subcommittees of the University of Maine Board of Trustees, Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy, or faculty and administrative committees of both institutions the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the boards of trustees, the committees and subcommittees of those boards, and the administrative council of the University of Maine, which are referred to in section 402, subsection 2, paragraph B.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 165

**AN ACT Providing for the Service of Warrants by Agents of the State Tax Assessor.**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 1902, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The Tax Assessor shall have the authority to name any of these assistants as his agent authorized to collect any tax imposed under the Sales and Use Tax Law.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 1959, 1st ¶, last sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 702, § 9, is amended to read:

Such notice shall be given as required by section 1906 and shall warn the person that if he does not make payment as demanded the Tax Assessor will ~~certify~~ may proceed to have the amount due to the Attorney General for collection collected by warrant as provided or may certify the amount due to the Attorney General for collection and, in addition, in the case of an amount due in respect to any vehicle, that if he does not make payment as demanded, suspension of the registration certificate and plates issued for such vehicle may result.