

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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The following is a summary of receipts and appropriations:

Total Appropriations		\$3,008,079	\$3,017,217
Available Credits:			
Estimated Revenue		\$667,173	
Transfer from Surplus		170,000	
Federal Revenue Sharing		263,000	
Antirecessional Fiscal Assistance	<del>15,208</del>	24,346	
Total Available Credits		<del>1,115,381</del>	1,124,519
Amount to be raised by taxation			\$1,892,698

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective July 8, 1977

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## CHAPTER 480

**AN ACT to Amend the Powers and Duties of the Maine Committee on Aging.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 22 MRSA § 5112, sub-§ 2, 2nd ¶, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 530, is amended to read:

In order to serve as advocate and ombudsman for older people, the committee shall have the power to enter onto the premises of any residential boarding care facility licensed according to section 7801 and any nursing home facility licensed according to section 1817 in order to investigate complaints concerning such facilities.

**Sec. 2.** 22 MRSA § 5112, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 530, is amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Any person, official or institution who in good faith participates in the registering of a complaint pursuant to this subsection about an act or practice in a boarding care facility or a nursing home licensed according to sections 7801 or 1817, respectively, or who participates in a judicial proceeding resulting from such a complaint, shall be immune from any criminal liability that otherwise might result by reason of such actions. For the purpose of any criminal

proceedings there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any person acting pursuant to this subsection did so in good faith.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 481

### AN ACT to Revise Certain Motor Vehicle Related Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA § 2606, last sentence, is amended to read:

No record of, and no testimony concerning, any proceeding under chapters 401 to 409 shall be competent evidence in any proceeding other than proceedings under chapters 401 to 409, except that juvenile court records pertaining to motor vehicle violations by juveniles shall be transmitted by juvenile courts, together with a summary of the pertinent facts of the motor vehicle violation, to the Secretary of State, and shall be admissible in evidence in hearings conducted by the Secretary of State or any Deputy Secretary of State regarding motor vehicle violations or motor vehicle licenses and registrations.

Sec. 1-A. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 13-A is enacted to read:

13-A. Special equipment. "Special equipment" shall mean equipment, other than self-propelled, which is not designed or used to convey property other than hand tools or parts used in connection with the operation of such equipment and which is drawn by a motor vehicle. This definition shall include, but not be limited to, air compressors, conveyors, cement mixers, wood splitting or sawing machines, sprayers, compactors, pumps, drills and brush chippers.

Sec. 1-B. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 20, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 414, § 3, is further amended to read:

20. Vehicle. "Vehicle" shall include all kinds of conveyances on ways for persons and for property, including special equipment, except those propelled or drawn by human power or used exclusively on tracks or snowmobiles as defined in Title 12, section 1971.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 22 is enacted to read:

22. Wrecker. "Wrecker" shall mean a motor vehicle with hoisting apparatus and special equipment designed and used for towing wrecked or disabled vehicles or freeing vehicles stalled or stuck in snow, mud or sand, including vehicles designed to carry one or more vehicles upon its own body.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 52, as amended by PL 1971, c. 360, § 3, is further amended to read: