

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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5 MRSA § 1728, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 71, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Pursuant to programs approved by the Governor, provide necessary insurance and bonding protection and services of all types, including insurance service contracts, by funded self-insurance programs or by the purchase of insurance from companies or agents licensed to do business in the State of Maine, or by a combination of both, in order to give the State the best possible service, coverage and cost.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 15

H. P. 4 — L. D. 10

AN ACT Relating to the Liability of Parents or Legal Guardians for Damage by Children.

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

19 MRSA § 217 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 217. Liability of parents or legal guardians for damage by children

The parents or legal guardians of any minor who is between 7 and 17 years of age and is living with his parents or legal guardians, which minor willfully or maliciously causes damage to any property or injury to any person, shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for that damage or injury in an amount not exceeding \$800, if the minor would have been liable for the damage or injury if he had been an adult. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the minor from personal liability for that damage or injury.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 16

S. P. 66 — L. D. 110

AN ACT to Exclude Certain Academies from the Category of "Public School."

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