

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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wheel the names of as many persons as may be required for jury service and prepare an alphabetical list of the names drawn. The selection shall be made with reasonable allowances for supernumeraries and for unforeseen causes of inability to attend. Summonses for those so selected shall be prepared by the clerk of courts and may be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each person selected, at his regular place of abode. Additional jurors may be drawn and summoned at any time by direction of the presiding justice, and they may be summoned to attend in a manner and at such time as the court may direct. When, by reason of challenge or other cause, a sufficient number of jurors duly drawn and summoned cannot be obtained for the trial of a cause, the court shall cause jurors to be returned from the bystanders or from the county at large to complete the panel. These jurors shall be returned by the sheriff or his deputy or such other disinterested person as the court appoints.

Grand jurors shall be selected in like manner prior to the first session of the Superior Court to be held for the transaction of criminal business on or after the first day of September annually.

The terms of the grand jury in any county shall be set by the Chief Justice with a maximum of 12 months' service required. When the number of grand jurors is reduced by death or otherwise, additional grand jurors may be selected and summoned under the direction of the court at any time.

Sec. 6. 14 MRSA § 1256, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 544, § 36, is amended to read:

§ 1256. New jurors

If for any reason a grand jury or a traverse jury is dismissed before completing its work, the ~~jury commissioners upon being notified by the~~ clerk of courts shall proceed to draw and notify new jurors in accordance with section 1255.

Sec. 7. 14 MRSA § 1257, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 337, § 2, is repealed.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 58

H. P. 438 — L. D. 555

AN ACT Relating to Inspection by the State Fire Marshal.

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 2392, first and 2nd sentences**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 110-A, are amended to read:

The State Fire Marshal or fire inspectors, upon the complaint of any person or whenever ~~he or~~ they shall deem it necessary, may inspect or cause to be inspected all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Said officers may forbid the use of any building or other structure which, ~~for want of repair or by reason of age, dilapidated condition, damage from fire, explosive or inflammable matter in or near the building or structure~~ **does not conform to the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Public Safety or enforceable by him pursuant to section 2396** which creates a danger to other property or to the public.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA § 2392, 2nd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 110-A, is amended to read:

Any owner or occupant who neglects to comply with such order shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$100~~ **Class E crime, except that a fine of not less than \$100 shall be imposed for each conviction. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.**

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 59

H. P. 314 — L. D. 420

### AN ACT to Revise the Laws Concerning Fire Exits.

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 2452, first sentence**, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 660, is further amended to read:

The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt and may amend, after notice and public hearing, reasonable rules and regulations governing ~~exits~~ **the safety to life from fire** in all buildings or other structures within his jurisdiction.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA § 2452, sub-§ 1**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 266, is further amended to read:

**1. Effective date.** The regulations, and amendments thereto, become effective when **reviewed for form and legality by the Office of the Attorney General and a certified copy of them has been approved in writing by the Governor Commissioner of Public Safety** and filed with the Secretary of State.

Effective September 14, 1979