

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

28 MRSA § 451, first ¶, next to last sentence, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the commission, with approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, may reduce the price of discontinued items of liquor by an amount of 10% of the listed selling price. **The reduced price shall not be less than the actual cost of the discontinued liquor items** and no item shall be discontinued by the commission for a period of at least 6 months after such item has been listed and on sale in state stores.

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

Effective April 27, 1979

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## CHAPTER 162

S. P. 393 — L. D. 1197

**AN ACT to Exempt Automobile Assigned Risk Policies from the Countersignature Requirements.**

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

24-A MRSA § 427, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

**7. Automobile assigned risk policies which are required by section 2325 and any endorsements applicable to them.**

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 163

S. P. 166 — L. D. 373

**AN ACT to Allow the Taking of Certain Clams without a License.**

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

Whereas, the Legislature previously and incorrectly included "storm" clams

within the 1/2 bushel limit for the taking of clams; and

Whereas, the application of the 1/2 bushel limit would prevent Maine citizens from using and enjoying the natural resources of Maine during the summer of 1979; 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:**

12 MRSA § 6601, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

**4. Personal use exception.** Any person may take or possess no more than 1/2 bushel of shellfish or 3 bushels of "hen" or "surf" clams for personal use in one day without a license, unless municipal ordinances further limit the taking of shellfish.

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

Effective April 27, 1979

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## CHAPTER 164

S. P. 238 — L. D. 687

**AN ACT Making Appropriations from the General Fund for Current Services and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1980, and June 30, 1981.**

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately after July 1, 1979; 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,