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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Sec. 2. Validation.** The raising or appropriation of money, including the issuance of bonds or notes, by the following municipalities, cities or towns for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of water systems, including their purchase of water companies is hereby expressly validated, ratified, confirmed and approved: City of Calais; Town of Southwest Harbor; Town of Island Falls, Town of Washburn; Town of Fort Kent and Town of Eustis.

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

Effective February 21, 1980

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## CHAPTER 593

H. P. 1590 — L. D. 1700

**AN ACT to Require that Children who are under 15 Years of Age Wear Helmets when they are Passengers on Motorcycles or Operate Off-road Motorcycles or Motor Driven Cycles.**

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

29 MRSA § 1376 is enacted to read:

§ 1376. **Protective headgear for motorcycle riders and motor driven cycle riders who are minors**

Every person under the age of 15 years who rides as a passenger on a motorcycle or motor driven cycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle or motor driven cycle or who operates an off-road motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall wear protective headgear conforming with those minimum standards of construction and performance which the Secretary of State may prescribe.

No operator of a motorcycle or motor driven cycle nor parent nor guardian may allow a passenger under the age of 15 years to ride in violation of this section.

No operator of an off-road motorcycle or motor driven cycle under the age of 15 years may ride in violation of this section.

Violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for each subsequent violation shall be adjudged.

Effective July 3, 1980