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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE**

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

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Safety shall develop and implement a public information and education program designed to encourage seat restraint utilization for children under 4 years of age who are passengers in motor vehicles.

The program shall include, but not be limited to, audiovisual aids and written materials which explain the effects of motor vehicle accidents on infant and child health and the reduction in risk of injury or death as a result of the utilization of seat restraints for infants and children. In addition, the commissioner shall prepare and disseminate radio and television messages, which explain the effects of motor vehicle accidents on infant and child health and urge the use of seat restraints for infants and children.

The commissioner shall also enter into an arrangement with appropriate law enforcement agencies to issue, at their discretion, oral or written safety information to any person who operates any motor vehicle, or combination of vehicles, if, after the vehicle has been stopped, the law enforcement officer observes that a child under 4 years of age is a passenger and is not restrained by use of an available seat restraint. The law enforcement officers may also advise and urge the utilization of seat restraints that are available in the vehicle, and may further note that even greater protection could be provided by acquiring and properly utilizing separate federally-approved child seats.

The commissioner shall conduct a study to ascertain the nature and extent of any reduction in the number and rate of injury and death of children under 4 years of age who are passengers in motor vehicles during the period of the public education campaign.

The commissioner shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, no later than March 1, 1983, containing findings and conclusions regarding the implementation and effectiveness of this section. The report shall also include specific findings and conclusions as to the advisability of further legislation to encourage the use of safety seats and seatbelts for Maines children.

2. Termination. This section shall remain in effect only until June 30, 1983, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends this date.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 406

### H. P. 1094 — L. D. 1291

#### AN ACT to Improve the Efficiency of County Government.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 252, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 716, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

**The county commissioners shall also show the county legislative delegation any assessment for services to be provided to unorganized territories under Title 36, section 1603, subsection 1, paragraph C. These assessments shall be provided to the delegation, prior to being submitted to the State Tax Assessor, in a form that shows how the funds are to be spent on the unorganized territories and any current balance of unorganized territory funds held by the county.**

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 403-A is enacted to read:

**§ 403-A. Unorganized territory accounts and interest**

**Any funds required to be spent for the unorganized territories held by a county shall be accounted for separately from the funds raised for countywide activities. This separate accounting shall not prohibit the commingling of unorganized territory and countywide funds. The return on investment of county funds shall be prorated between the amounts invested of unorganized territory funds and the amounts invested of countywide funds. The return on investment of unorganized territory funds shall only be used for the unorganized territories. No countywide funds, nor return on investment of countywide funds, may be used for the unorganized territories.**

Effective September 18, 1981

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**CHAPTER 407**  
**S. P. 188 — L. D. 490**

**AN ACT Relating to the Employment of Minors.**

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

26 MRSA § 738, as amended by PL 1975, c. 701, § 15, is amended to read:

**§ 738. Penalty for employers**

**Any person who violates any of the provisions of sections 701 and 702 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$25~~ \$50 nor more than ~~\$50~~ \$100 for the first offense; for the 2nd offense by a fine of not less than ~~\$50~~ \$100 nor more than \$200; for a 3rd offense and for every subsequent offense by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500.**

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