

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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10 MRSA §1905, as amended by PL 1981, c. 18, is repealed.

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## CHAPTER 8

S.P. 21 - L.D. 22

### AN ACT Relating to the Annual Observance of Saint Jean-Baptiste.

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

1 MRSA §120 is enacted to read:

§120. Saint Jean-Baptiste Day

June 24th of each year shall be designated as Saint Jean-Baptiste Day and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day in suitable places with appropriate ceremonies. Saint Jean-Baptiste Day shall commemorate the feast of Saint John the Baptist as an important observance and show of appreciation for the significant cultural, economic and civic contributions made by Franco-Americans which have served to enrich the culture and life style of this State.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 9

H.P. 32 - L.D. 37

### AN ACT Concerning Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics.

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

12 MRSA §6173, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6173. Confidentiality of statistics

The commissioner may, with the advice and consent of the advisory council, adopt or amend regulations to collect pertinent data with respect to the fisheries, including, but not limited to, information regarding the type and quantity of fishing gear used, catch by species in numbers of fish or weight thereof, areas in which fishing was conducted, time of fishing, number of hauls and the estimated processing capacity of, and the actual processing capacity utilized by United States fish processors. The commissioner may collect statistics from any source and may require reporting of these statistics. The information collected by or reported to the commissioner shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed in a manner or form that permits identification of any person or vessel, except when required by court order. The commissioner shall by regulation prescribe such procedures as necessary to preserve confidentiality.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 10

S.P. 26 - L.D. 27

AN ACT to Create a Revolving Fund for  
Publications of the Department of  
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

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

Sec. 1. 7 M.R.S.A. §2, as amended by PL 1981, c. 372, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The commissioner may prepare and distribute printed and audio-visual materials on matters within his statutory jurisdiction. There is established within the department a revolving fund to cover the printing and distribution costs of these materials. The commissioner shall fix the prices at which publications of the department may be sold or delivered. The department shall retain, without charge, an appropriate number of each publication for complimentary distribution. Income from the sale of publications that were charged to the revolving fund and any other moneys the commissioner may receive, from whatever source, consistent with the purposes of this