

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
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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:

36 MRSA §2903, as amended by PL 1981, c. 702, Pt. V, §2 is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Internal combustion fuel, as defined in section 2902, which is held by retailers at the close of March 31, 1983, shall be subject to the 14¢ per gallon tax rate. Retailers, as defined in section 1752, subsection 10, shall be liable for the difference between the 14¢ per gallon tax rate and the 9¢ per gallon tax rate in effect prior to April 1, 1983. Payment shall be made to the State Tax Assessor before May 15, 1983 and it shall be accompanied by the appropriate completed form described by the State Tax Assessor.

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

Effective April 1, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 97

H.P. 243 - L.D. 290

AN ACT Regarding Courses and their  
Equivalency Offered at Various Units of  
the University of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

13. Master plan. To give a high priority to the provisions of the master plan for higher education through legislative action and appropriate publicity; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§§15 to 17 are enacted to read:

15. Transfer of credits. To provide for a uniform system of transferring credits for equivalent courses between the various units of the University of Maine;

16. Uniform course numbering. To provide for a uniform system of the numbering of courses for equivalent courses between the various units of the University of Maine; and

17. Uniform course descriptions. To provide for a uniform system of course descriptions for equivalent courses between the various units of the University of Maine.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §10907 is enacted to read:

§10907. Transfer of credits; uniform course numbering; uniform course description; committee

1. Formation. The Chancellor of the University of Maine shall form a committee composed of:

A. The Dean of Academic Affairs or designee from each campus of the University of Maine;

B. One faculty member selected by the faculty from each campus of the University of Maine;

C. One student representative selected by the student body of each campus of the University of Maine;

D. The Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs of the University of Maine to serve as an ex officio member; and

E. One member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education to serve as an ex officio member and to be selected by the chairmen of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education.

2. Chairman. The committee shall elect one of its members as chairman.

3. Meetings. The committee shall be selected as soon as reasonably possible after the effective date of this section. The Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs shall notify all members of the time and place of the first meeting. At that time, the committee shall organize and adopt rules as to the administration of its affairs. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed by the chancellor for travel expenses.

4. Duties. The committee shall establish:

A. A uniform system to facilitate the transfer of credits for equivalent courses between the various units of the University of Maine;

B. Development of a uniform course numbering system; and

C. Development of uniform course descriptions to provide an easy comparison of courses offered between the various units of the University of Maine.

5. Report and implementation. The committee shall report the results of its deliberations and its recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine no later than one year from the effective date of this subsection, as amended. The trustees shall implement the recommendations no later than the beginning of the fall semester of 1985.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 98

H.P. 275 - L.D. 335

AN ACT to Revise the Law Concerning the  
Investment of Municipal Funds.

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

Whereas, Maine municipalities need to invest their funds in institutions and instruments which provide the highest possible yield while retaining the security necessary for the investment of public funds; and

Whereas, existing authority for investment is unduly restrictive and fails to recognize new and generally accepted forms of investment; and

Whereas, these limitations result in substantial loss of potential return on the investment of municipal funds; 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 preser-