

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE  
  
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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
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graph to read:

In the event that it is necessary to commence a rescue operation as a result of a violation of section 489, subsection 6, any person who has committed the violation will be liable for the cost of that rescue operation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 120

H.P. 666 - L.D. 849

### AN ACT to Strengthen the Enforcement of the Collection Agency Law.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §573, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1971, c. 81, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Penalty. Any person who shall carry on business as a collection agency without first having obtained a license pursuant to this section, or who shall carry on such business after the revocation, suspension or expiration of any license, or who shall perform duties relating to the conduct of a collection agency on behalf of another person as an officer, director, employee, agent or in any other capacity unless the other person has first obtained a license which has not expired nor been revoked or suspended shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or by both Class E crime.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §573, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Change in ownership. A change in ownership of a corporation, or a change in the identity of a majority of the partners in a partnership, shall require a new application under this section.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §576-A is enacted to read:

§576-A. Civil penalty

The superintendent may, through the Attorney General, bring a civil action for a penalty not to exceed \$5,000 against any person who violates the

provisions of this chapter. No civil penalty pursuant to this section may be imposed for violations of this chapter occurring more than 2 years before the civil action is brought.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §580, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, §11, is further amended to read:

2. Books and records. Each licensee shall maintain a place of business in this State, and the Superintendent shall require the licensee to keep such books and records in his place of business in this State as will enable the superintendent to determine whether the provisions of this chapter are being complied with. At the superintendent's option, a licensee may keep the books and records in a location outside this State, provided that the licensee agrees to produce the books and records in this State upon demand. Every such licensee shall preserve the records of final entry used in such business for a period of 6 2 years after final remittance is made on any account placed with the licensee for collection or after any account has been returned to the claimant on which one or more payments have been made.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 121

H.P. 693 - L.D. 882

AN ACT to Amend the Fraud Provisions of  
the Maine State Retirement System  
Statutes.

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

5 MRSA §1004, as amended by PL 1977, c. 696, §37, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1004. Protection against fraud

Whenever the executive director determines that a fraud, attempted fraud or a violation of law in connection with funds administered by the retirement system may have occurred, he shall report in writing all information concerning such fraud or violation to the Attorney General or his delegate for such action