

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf is operating with an acting superintendent and it is essential that this legislation be in place before a permanent superintendent is appointed; and

Whereas, the current language is archaic as it applies to other state institutions, creating unnecessary confusion and uncertainty; 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 preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

5 MRSA §711, sub-§1, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, §6, is amended to read:

H. Officers and employees of the unorganized territory school system and the teachers ~~and~~, principals, professional personnel of the school systems in state vocational schools vocational-technical institutes, the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the teachers and principals of other state institutions; and

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

Effective April 11, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 140

H.P. 712 - L.D. 903

AN ACT to Change the Jurisdiction for Regulation of Schools of Barbering and Schools of Hairdressing and Beauty Culture.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9501, sub-§2, as enacted by

PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

2. Exemptions. ~~Schools of hairdressing and beauty culture which are subject to approval by the State Board of Cosmetology, educational~~ Educational programs related to the real estate professions which are subject to approval under Title 32, chapter 59, educational programs offered by any Maine nonprofit corporation, any educational programs offered by any professional or trade association primarily for the benefit of its own members and any institution authorized by the laws of this State to grant a degree are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Revision authorized. Wherever in the Revised Statutes, Title 32, sections 301 to 408 and sections 1551 to 1657-A, words or terms referring to the regulation of schools appear, those words or terms are repealed and the Director of Legislative Research may remove those or similar combinations of words and modify the text where necessary to retain the intent of each statute without the repealed text.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 141

H.P. 749 - L.D. 961

### AN ACT to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Expeditiously Process Consumer Complaints.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRS §291 is amended to read:

#### §291. Complaints

Upon written complaint made against any public utility by 10 persons, firms, corporations or associations aggrieved, that any of the rates, tolls, charges or schedules or any joint rate or rates of any public utility are in any respect unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or that any regulation, measurement, practice or act of said that public utility is in any respect unreasonable, insufficient or unjustly discriminatory, or that any service is inadequate or cannot be obtained, the commission, being satisfied that the petitioners are responsible and that a hearing is expedient, shall proceed with