

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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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408 and sections 1551 to 1657-A, words or terms referring to the regulation of schools appear, those words or terms are repealed and the Director of Legislative Research may remove those or similar combinations of words and modify the text where necessary to retain the intent of each statute without the repealed text.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

or without notice to make an investigation thereof. No order affecting ~~said~~ the rates, tolls, charges, schedules, regulations, measurements, practices or acts complained of ~~shall~~ may be entered by the commission without a formal public hearing.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §292 is amended to read:

§292. Notice of complaint

The commission immediately upon the filing of ~~such that~~ complaint shall notify in writing the public utility complained of that a complaint has been made, and of the nature thereof. If at the expiration of 7 days therefrom ~~such that~~ public utility shall not have removed the cause of complaint to the satisfaction of the commission, ~~said the~~ commission shall proceed to set a time and place for a hearing as provided. The hearing shall be promptly set. In the absence of an informal disposition pursuant to Title 5, section 9053, the commission shall render a decision upon the complaint no later than 9 months after its filing.

Effective September 23, 1983.

## CHAPTER 142

H.P. 745 - L.D. 957

AN ACT to Transfer Residual Jurisdiction  
of the Public Utilities Commission Over  
Municipal Transit Districts to the Depart-  
ment of Transportation.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §4971, as amended by PL 1979, c. 505, §5, is further amended to read:

§4971. Formation

Any municipality may by vote of its legislative body by itself, or in cooperation with one or more other municipalities, form a transit district for the purposes provided in this chapter, except that municipalities not in the same geographic public transportation region shall gain approval from the Department of Transportation. With the consent of the ~~Public Utilities Commission~~ Department of Transportation and of the municipal officers of any municipality not included in a transit district, a transit