

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
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## CHAPTER 149

H.P. 748 - L.D. 960

### AN ACT to Amend the Act Restricting Rate Increase Proposals by Public Utilities.

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

35 MRSA §64, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 681, is amended to read:

For the purposes of this section, a "general increase in rates" is defined as any change in the rates, tolls and charges of the public utility, the effect of which is to increase the annual operating revenues of a public utility by more than 1%, provided that this term shall not include a rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing a fuel cost adjustment rate, pursuant to either section 131 or section 132.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 150

H.P. 969 - L.D. 1225

### AN ACT Relating to Attorneys Searching and Certifying Title to Real Estate.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §3-311 is enacted to read:

#### §3-311. Attorneys

Every supervised lender which accepts an application for a residential mortgage transaction for one to 4 residential units and which requires that an attorney search the title of the subject real estate shall first permit the prospective mortgagor to select a qualified attorney of his own choice to search the title of the subject real estate and certify that title to the lender or land title insurance company, provided that the lender may require the prospective mortgagor to provide it with adequate liability insurance or land title insurance or such