

# 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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P. All other essential details of the purchase or sale; and

Q. If there is a broker involved in the transaction, an itemized accounting which separately sets forth all charges in connection with the sale, including the brokerage fee, if any.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §1022, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Copies of documentation. Before any change may be made in the agreed upon price, there shall be mutual agreement between the parties. The agreement must be verified in writing and, along with available documentation as to quality defects, mailed to the seller within 2 working days of the availability of the documentation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

## CHAPTER 337

H.P. 931 - L.D. 1210

### AN ACT Relating to Enforcement of Handicapped Parking Zones on Turnpikes and the Interstate System by State Police.

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

Whereas, this Act is essential to effective enforcement of handicapped parking zones designated at service areas on the Maine Turnpike; and

Whereas, the busy season for Maine Turnpike traffic is quickly approaching; 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:

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 595, §3, is amended to read:

C. Adopt from time to time and amend bylaws covering its procedure and rules governing use of the turnpike and any of the other services made available in connection with the turnpike; develop and adopt, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, rules governing the use of the turnpike and other services; publish those bylaws, rules as publication is necessary or advisable and cause records of its proceedings to be kept;

Sec. 2. 30 MRSa §2151, sub-§2, ¶K, as amended by PL 1983, c. 133, is further amended to read:

K. Providing for the establishment and policing of parking spaces designated for handicapped persons. A municipality with off-street public parking areas may set aside an adequate number of these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A municipality with on-street public parking spaces may set aside an adequate number of these spaces in appropriate locations for use by handicapped persons. The municipality may post any of the signs authorized by this paragraph adjacent to and visible from each handicapped parking space. One sign shall consist of a profile view of a wheelchair with an occupant in white on a blue background with a printed inscription. The inscription shall read: "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to a fine." The other signs authorized under this paragraph and which may be posted in lieu of the first sign shall consist of a profile view of a wheelchair with an occupant in white on a blue background which may bear an inscription. Any new sign erected or any sign replaced after the effective date of this paragraph shall conform to the signs authorized by this paragraph. Any existing posted signs that do not conform to the provisions of this paragraph and which were erected prior to the effective date of this paragraph shall be deemed to be valid for enforcement purposes. Any vehicle parked in a parking space designated by a municipality as a handicapped parking space that does not bear a special registration plate or placard issued under Title 29, section 252, or a similar plate issued by another state, shall be cited for a penalty not to exceed \$25 unless otherwise established by local ordinance. Owners of private off-street parking may enter into agreements with local or county law enforcement agencies for the policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for handicapped persons' vehicles, under which agreements unauthorized vehicles shall be tagged. Where service facilities are established on the

Maine Turnpike and on the interstate highway system in Maine, the State Police shall enforce this subsection.

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

Effective May 24, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 338

H.P. 1083 - L.D. 1429

AN ACT to Establish a State Standard for  
Funding Certain Workers under the Workers'  
Compensation Commission.

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

Whereas, some employers and insurance carriers designate unrealistic and unreasonably large amounts as woods equipment allowances in order to reduce employees' average weekly wages; and

Whereas, this practice unfairly reduces an injured woodsman's workers' compensation benefits and shifts an unfair burden to employers who accurately report actual wages and thus pay higher insurance rates; 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:

39 MRSA §2, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 367, is further amended to read:

A. "Average weekly wages, earnings of salary" of an injured employee shall be taken as the amount which he was receiving at the time of the injury for the hours and days constituting a regular full working week in the employment or occupation in which he was engaged when injured except that this shall not include any reasonable and custom-