

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
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descent. The form shall contain the following words in a conspicuous place: "This statement shall not affect the rights of inheritance and descent of the adoptee."

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 357

H.P. 1101 - L.D. 1452

AN ACT Relating to the Authority of the  
County Commissioners over the Operation of all  
County Offices.

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

30 MRSA §66, as amended by PL 1981, c. 698, §138, is amended to read:

§66. County commissioners' authority

The county commissioners shall have final authority over the operation of all county offices by elected or appointed county officers, except in circumstances for which a County Personnel Board has been established under subchapter VII with the powers and duties set forth in that subchapter and in section 64-A. It is the intent of this section that the county commissioners shall act as a board and not on an individual basis in exercising this authority.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 358

H.P. 812 - L.D. 1052

AN ACT Concerning Standards for  
Rejection of Altered Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA §2504, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 464, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Altered vehicles. No person may operate any vehicle required to be registered in this State upon any highway or street, nor shall any vehicle receive a certificate of inspection, as required by this chapter, if that vehicle has a bumper height of less than 10 inches or a height in excess of the maximum as set by this subsection. Maximum bumper height shall be based on the manufacturers' gross vehicle weight rating. Measurements shall be taken from a level surface to any point on the lower edge of the main horizontal bumper bar, exclusive of any bumper guards. Measurements of vehicles not installed with rear bumpers shall be taken from a level surface to any point on the lowermost rearward vehicle frame extension, except that no vehicle may be modified to cause the vehicle body or chassis to come into contact with the ground or expose the fuel tank to damage from collision or cause the wheels to come in contact with the body under normal operation, and that no part of the original suspension system be disconnected. Nothing contained in this section may prevent the installation of heavy duty equipment to include shock absorbers and overload springs; and nothing contained in this section may prevent a person from operating a motor vehicle on a public way with normal wear of the suspension system if normal wear does not affect the control of the vehicle. This section does not apply to motor vehicles that are being lawfully towed on the highways of this State. Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

	<u>FRONT</u>	<u>REAR</u>
<u>Automobile</u>	<u>22 ins.</u>	<u>22 ins.</u>
<u>Vehicles 4,500 lbs. and under GVWR</u>	<u>24 ins.</u>	<u>26 ins.</u>
<u>Vehicles 4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs. GVWR</u>	<u>27 ins.</u>	<u>29 ins.</u>
<u>Vehicles 7,501 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. GVWR</u>	<u>28 ins.</u>	<u>30 ins.</u>

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 359

H.P. 951 - L.D. 1232

AN ACT to Establish and Amend the Air  
Quality Standards and Establish a Chromium  
Emission Standard.