

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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## CHAPTER 420

S.P. 576 - L.D. 1655

AN ACT Concerning Representation of  
Small Businesses Appearing in Small Claims  
Court.

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

4 MRSA §807, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 700, §2, is further amended to read:

Unless duly admitted to the bar of this State, no person ~~shall~~ may practice law or any branch thereof, or hold himself out to practice law or any branch thereof, within the State or before any court therein, or demand or receive any remuneration for such services rendered in this State. Whoever, not being duly admitted to the bar of this State, shall practice law or any branch thereof, or hold himself out to practice law or any branch thereof, within the State or before any court therein, or demand or receive any remuneration for such services rendered in this State, shall be guilty of a Class E crime. This section shall not be construed to apply to practice before any Federal Court by any person duly admitted to practice therein; nor to a person pleading or managing his own cause in court; nor to the officer or employee of a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or governmental entity, who is not an attorney, but is appearing for that organization in an action cognizable as a small claim under Title 14, chapter 738. In all proceedings, the fact, as shown by the records of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice, that such person is not recorded as a member of the bar shall be prima facie evidence that he is not a member of the bar licensed to practice law in the State.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 421

S.P. 577 - L.D. 1656

AN ACT to Authorize Creation of a  
Housing Authority of the Houlton Band of  
Maliseet Indians.

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

22 MRSA §4733, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 732, §§17 and 31 is amended to read:

§4733. Create respective tribal housing authorities

The Passamaquoddy Tribe and, the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians are authorized to create respective tribal housing authorities. The respective tribe or, nation or band shall prescribe the manner of selection of the members, their terms and grounds for removal. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or clearly indicated otherwise, the Maine Housing Authorities Act shall apply to the tribal housing authorities which hereinafter may be referred to as "authority" or "authorities." The power of such tribal housing authorities may be exercised only within the Indian territory of the respective tribe or nation, or the trust land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. Such tribal housing authorities shall be in substitution for any tribal housing authority heretofore existing under the laws of the State and shall assume all the rights and obligations of such predecessor housing authorities. The presently constituted tribal housing authority of the respective tribe or nation shall continue in existence and shall exercise all the authority heretofore vested by law in it until such time as the respective tribe or nation creates the tribal housing authority authorized by this section.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 422

H.P. 1145 - L.D. 1517

AN ACT to Incorporate Bills Passed in  
the Second Regular Session of the 110th  
Legislature into Title 20-A.

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

Whereas, Title 20-A takes effect on July 1, 1983, which is less than 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, it is essential that the laws passed