

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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**CHAPTER 449**

S.P. 558 - L.D. 1624

**AN ACT Concerning Volunteer Marine  
Patrol Officers.**

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

Whereas, additional periodic enforcement of the marine resources laws are needed; and

Whereas, this need cannot adequately be filled by the existing number of marine patrol officers; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that these enforcement needs be met; 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:

12 MRSA §6028 is enacted to read:

§6028. Volunteer marine patrol officers

1. Appointment. The commissioner may appoint volunteer marine patrol officers upon such conditions as the commissioner may determine. Volunteer marine patrol officers shall serve without compensation and may be paid actual automobile costs at the rate paid to state employees.

2. Powers and duties. Volunteer marine patrol officers shall have the same powers and duties as marine patrol officers specified in section 6025, except that the exercise of these powers and duties shall be limited to marine resources laws set out in chapters 601 to 627, inclusive, and department regulations adopted pursuant to these statutes. Volunteer marine patrol officers shall complete reserve officer training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy pursuant to Title 25, section 2805-A prior to assuming these duties.

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

Effective June 16, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 450

H.P. 1035 - L.D. 1360

AN ACT to Amend Various Provisions of  
the Maine Criminal Code.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §15, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 677, §§2 and 18, is further amended to read:

A. Any person who he has probable cause to believe has committed or is committing:

- (1) Murder;
- (2) Any Class A, Class B or Class C crime;
- (3) Assault while hunting;
- (4) Any offense defined in chapter 45;
- (5) Assault, if the officer reasonably believes that the person may cause injury to others unless immediately arrested;
- (5-A) Assault, criminal threatening, terrorizing or reckless conduct, if the officer reasonably believes that the person and the victim are family or household members, as defined in Title 15, section 301 ~~This subparagraph is repealed on November 17, 1983;~~
- (6) Theft as defined in section 357, when the value of the services is \$1,000 or less, if the officer reasonably believes that the person will not be apprehended unless immediately arrested;
- (7) Forgery, if the officer reasonably