

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
JANUARY 4, 1984 TO APRIL 25, 1984

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

Effective February 22, 1984.

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## CHAPTER 620

H.P. 1430 - L.D. 1875

AN ACT to Amend the Probate Code to Provide for  
Temporary Guardianships Under Certain  
Emergency Conditions.

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

18-A MRSA §5-310, as amended by PL 1983, c. 72, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A petition for temporary guardianship may be brought before any judge if the judge of the county in which venue properly lies is unavailable. If a judge, other than the judge of the county in which venue properly lies, acts on a petition for temporary guardianship, he shall issue a written order and shall endorse upon it the date and time of the order. He shall then forthwith transmit or cause to be transmitted that order to the register of the county in which venue properly lies. Any order issued by a judge of a county, other than the county in which venue properly lies, shall be deemed to have been entered in the docket on the date and at the time endorsed upon it.

Effective July 25, 1984.

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## CHAPTER 621

S.P. 748 - L.D. 2052

AN ACT Prohibiting Release of Animals by  
State Humane Agents for Experimentation or  
Vivisection Purposes.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1215, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1215. Handling of animals seized or held by humane agents, animal control officers, animal shelters, pounds, animal care centers, humane societies or veterinarians

1. Handling of animals. No state humane agent, animal control officer, animal shelter, pound, animal care center, humane society or veterinarian and anyone acting under their authority and having possession of any animal by reason of his office may:

A. Provide or supply dealers, commercial kennels or laboratories with the animal; or

B. Give, release, sell, trade, loan, transfer or otherwise provide any live animal to any association, corporation, firm, individual, educational institution, laboratory, medical facility or anyone else for the purposes of experimentation or vivisection.

2. Livestock. Livestock to be sold at public auction shall be exempted from this section.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1215-A is enacted to read:

§1215-A. Penalty for violation

Any person, firm or corporation found in violation of this subchapter is guilty of a Class E crime.

Effective July 25, 1984.

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## CHAPTER 622

H.P. 1574 - L.D. 2084

AN ACT to Amend the Delay in Employers'  
Filing Deadlines under the Chemical Substance  
Identification Law.

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