

# 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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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §610-A, as repealed by PL 1983, c. 92, Pt. B, §6, is reenacted.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §655, sub-§1, ¶R, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA c. 112, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 92, Pt. B, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 7. **Effective date.** This Part shall take effect on March 31, 1985, unless by that date the Governor has proclaimed that the Constitution of Maine has been amended to require that: Beginning with the property tax year 1984, all watercraft, as defined by the Legislature, shall be exempt from taxation as personal property; provided however, that certain watercraft, as defined by the Legislature, shall be subject to an excise tax to be collected and retained by the municipalities. If the Governor has not so proclaimed that date, this Part is repealed on March 31, 1985.

Sec. 8. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1983-84

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,  
DEPARTMENT OF

Fish and Wildlife - Watercraft  
Registration and Safety

All Other \$23,000

The amount appropriated is to pay for printing and distribution of the excise tax decals required under the watercraft excise tax.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect March 1, 1984; except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act.

Effective March 1, 1984, unless otherwise indicated.

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**CHAPTER 633**

S.P. 663 - L.D. 1853

AN ACT to Clarify the Law Concerning Certain Appeals from Planning Board Decisions.

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

30 MRSA §4963, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1983, c. 475, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Establishment. A board of appeals is established in any municipality which adopts a zoning ordinance ~~for the purpose of hearing.~~ The board of appeals shall hear appeals from actions or failure to act of the official or board charged with the enforcement of the zoning ordinance, unless only a direct appeal to Superior Court has been provided by municipal ordinance. Such board of appeals shall be governed by section 2411, except that section 2411, subsection 2 shall not apply to boards existing on September 23, 1971.

Effective July 25, 1984.

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## CHAPTER 634

H.P. 1435 - L.D. 1880

AN ACT to Enable Communities to Establish  
Town Forest Reserve Accounts.

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

30 MRSA §3755 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3755. Payment of bills; disposition of revenue

No expenditures may be made or bills incurred under this chapter above the amounts appropriated for specific items. All expenditures must have approval of the municipal officers pursuant to section 5002 for the purpose of determining that an expenditure is within the scope of an appropriation previously made by the legislative body. Towns and cities may establish a town forest reserve account in accordance with their home rule authority in chapter 201-A. Plantations may establish a town forest reserve account to fund the operation and maintenance of the forest in accordance with sections 5201 and 5202.

Effective July 25, 1984.

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