

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1985

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## CHAPTER 461

S.P. 387 - L.D. 1066

AN ACT to Expand the Number of Elder  
Volunteers in the Retired Senior  
Volunteer Programs, Foster Grandparent  
Programs and the Senior Companion  
Program.

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

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

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u> <u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Bureau of Maine's Elderly		
All Other	\$45,000	\$60,000

Provides funds to be divided equally among the following: Each of the 6 Retired Senior Volunteer Programs, each of the 2 Foster Grandparent Programs and the Senior Companion Program.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 462

H.P. 750 - L.D. 1073

AN ACT to Establish the Costs of Forest Fire  
Protection.

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2711, requires the Legislature to determine

forest fire control costs by May 1st and the State Tax Assessor to determine the amount of forest fire control excise tax per acre and per landowner by September 1st; and

Whereas, protection from forest fires is essential to Maine and its citizens; 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:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2711, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 855, §10, is amended to read:

A. By December 1st, annually, the Commissioner of Conservation shall provide the State Tax Assessor with the total projected costs of forest fire protection for the next fiscal year and the projected amount of any receipts of funds as a result of forest fire protection activities, including federal funds, receipts from municipalities and the unorganized territory pursuant to Title 12, sections 9204, 9205 and 9205-A and receipts from sales of vehicles, land and equipment. By January 5th, annually, the Governor shall submit a bill to the Legislature stating the total projected costs of forest fire protection, less other sources of funding, for the next fiscal year. By ~~May~~ July 1st, annually, the Legislature shall determine the total projected costs of forest fire protection, less other sources of funding, for the next fiscal year. For fiscal year 1984-85, the amount is \$5,115,000.

Sec. 2. Forest Fire Protection Costs. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2711, the Legislature determines the total projected costs of forest fire protection for Fiscal Year 1985-86 is \$5,058,363.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1985-86

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Taxation  
All Other \$19,740  
Provides funds  
for fire sup-  
pression tax ad-  
ministration.

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

Effective June 27, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 463

H.P. 1092 - L.D. 1585

AN ACT Concerning Education Programs for  
Gifted and Talented Children.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8104 is enacted to read:

§8104. School administrative units to establish programs

1. Establishment. Each school administrative unit shall, commencing with the 1987-88 school year, establish a plan for phasing in gifted and talented educational programs by 1991-92.

2. Rules. The commissioner shall establish rules to implement this section, including the identification of students, needs and resource assessment, and program planning, development and delivery.

3. Technical assistance. The commissioner may provide technical assistance to a school administrative unit for planning for gifted and talented education programs.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read: