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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE**

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ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,  
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

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

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Sec. 19. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from federal funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Bureau of Social Services		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Currently available federal funds from Title IV-B will be used to support changing the institutional abuse program specialist from a part-time position to a full-time position.		

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

Effective April 18, 1986.

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## CHAPTER 740

H.P. 1656 - L.D. 2327

AN ACT to Permit Transmission of Electricity  
Between Affiliated Industrial Enterprises and  
to Study Power Purchases and Other Aspects  
of Transmission of Electrical Energy  
through the State.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §2330 is enacted to read:

§2330. Transmission or wheeling of electric power

1. Affiliated industrial enterprises. Upon the request of an industrial enterprise located in the State to transmit or wheel electric energy to another industrial facility in the State owned in whole or in part by or otherwise affiliated with the enterprise, the electric utility shall enter into an agreement of

not more than 30 years' duration to provide transmission or wheeling services subject to reasonable conditions and subject to the conditions of subsection 2.

2. Conditions. The conditions shall ensure that the fulfillment of the transmission or wheeling agreement is unlikely to result in a reasonably ascertainable uncompensated loss by or place an undue burden on the wheeling utility or its customers and will not unreasonably impair the ability of the wheeling utility to adequately serve its customers in the State.

In the event that the person requesting wheeling and the utility requested to transmit or wheel the electric energy are unable to agree to any matter pertaining to transmission or wheeling services, the commission may require the utility to provide the transmission or wheeling services under such conditions as may be reasonable, for a period of time determined by the commission to be reasonable.

3. Wheeling to electric utilities. Subject to all other provisions of this Title, any person may petition the commission for an order requiring one or more electric companies to transmit energy or energy and capacity from any utility, qualifying facility or other supplier of electricity to any utility. The commission may issue such an order if the proposed transmission or wheeling is in the public interest and meets reasonable conditions, including the conditions of subsection 2.

4. Capacity obligation. In the event a utility is required to provide transmission service under this section, the utility's obligation to provide electric service to the facility receiving the transmitted electricity shall thereupon cease, to the extent of the maximum level of electrical capacity demand met by that transmission.

**Sec. 2. Study of wheeling and electric power purchases.** The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities shall study the issues of wheeling and electric power purchases. The study shall consider the value and implementation of: Purchases of foreign power; requirements for in-state access to a reasonable portion of the power from any new transmission line traversing the State; and transmission or wheeling of power between unaffiliated enterprises within the State, as well as the relationship among wheeling, competition and deregulation of electric utilities.

The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities shall submit the committee's findings and recommendations to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature on December 3, 1986, together with any proposed legislation. Staff assistance to the joint standing committee shall be requested from the Legislative Council.

Funding shall be provided from the Legislative Account as approved by the Legislative Council.

The Public Utilities Commission, with the assistance of the Office of Energy Resources and the Public Advocate, is directed to prepare a factual report to assist the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities in this study. In preparing the report, the commission shall consult with representatives of interested parties, including industrial firms, businesses, customers, residential customers, elderly and low-income groups, electric utilities, cogenerators and small power producers. The report shall be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities by November 1, 1986.

Effective July 16, 1986.

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## CHAPTER 741

S.P. 927 - L.D. 2314

**AN ACT to Authorize the Commissioner of  
Transportation to Issue  
Experimental Vehicle Permits on a  
Limited Basis under Strictly  
Controlled Conditions.**

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

Whereas, a recommendation of the current truck issues study addresses the desirability of operational testing of experimental vehicles over any way or bridge maintained by the Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, both the Department of Transportation and the trucking industry appear to be favorably inclined to such a possibility; and