

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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Chapters 384-End

AND AT THE

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November 13, 1985

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

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**RESOLVES**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
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## CHAPTER 42

S.P. 321 - L.D. 810

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Prepare  
a Revision of the State's Motor Vehicle  
Laws.

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

Whereas, there have been a substantial number of changes in the motor vehicle laws within the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, over the past decade; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, has not been recodified to reflect these major changes in the motor vehicle laws; and

Whereas, there are many inconsistencies and omissions as well as errors within the laws relating to motor vehicles; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, reflects considerable disorganization; and

Whereas, a recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, requires a considerable amount of time and effort to complete; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State to present the recodification to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature which will not be possible unless work on the recodification begins immediately; 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

Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission on Revision of the Motor Vehicle Laws of Maine is established to supervise the preparation of a proposed revision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29; and be it further

Appointment and membership. Resolved: That the commission shall consist of 7 members. One member

shall be the Attorney General or his designee; one member shall be the Secretary of State or his designee; one member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation; one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation; one member shall be chosen by the Commissioner of Transportation to represent the Department of Transportation; one member shall be chosen by the commissioner of Public Safety to represent the Department of Public Safety; and one member shall be the chairman of the Maine Prosecutor's Association or his designee; , and be it further

**First meeting and commission chairman.** Resolved: That the Chairman of the Legislative Council of the 112th Legislature shall call the first meeting of the commission within 30 days following approval of this resolve by the Governor. The commission shall elect a chairman from among its members at the first meeting; and be it further

**Authority and duties of commission.** Resolved: That the commission shall possess the necessary authority to revise the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, and present to the Legislature an integrated and consistent motor vehicle code of law. The commission, in its revision, shall make no substantive changes in the motor vehicle laws; and be it further

**Conduct of business.** Resolved: That a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members and commission members shall not conduct official business without a quorum. The commission shall maintain minutes of its meetings and financial records as determined by the State Auditor; and be it further

**Compensation.** Resolved: That the legislative members of the commission shall receive the legislative per diem rate and expenses for meetings of the commission held when the Legislature is not in session. The remaining members of the commission shall not be compensated with a per diem rate or for expenses; and be it further

**Consulting staff.** Resolved: That the Director of the Office of Legislative Assistants and the Director of the Office of Legislative Research or their designees shall act as consulting staff to the commission. The consulting staff shall advise the commission whether changes proposed by the recodification are or appear to be substantive, the format of the recodification and procedures by which the recod-

ification is made available to the Legislature, drafted and printed in bill form. The consulting staff shall receive copies of all notices of the commission meetings as well as copies of each section of the recodification as each section is completed and the report required in this resolve; and be it further

Report to the Legislature. Resolved: That the commission present its report and revision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and to the 113th Legislature; and be it further

Allocation from Highway Fund. Resolved: That the following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Commission on Revision of  
the Motor Vehicle Laws of Maine

Personal Services	\$ 1,000
All Other	<u>14,000</u>

Total	\$15,000
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 25, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 43

S.P. 211 - L.D. 569

Resolve, to Address Special Education Needs  
of Learning Disabled Children.

Joint select committee; appointment. Resolved: That there exists a crisis in the provision of educational services for learning disabled children in Maine and that a coordinated review of current educational services for these children is necessary; and be it further

Joint Select Committee for Learning Disabled