

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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**PUBLIC LAWS**

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G. None of the steps enumerated in paragraph F, to claim or enforce a demand for compensation in excess of the nominal amount, shall impair or delay the right of the cable operator to install, maintain or remove cable television system facilities at a tenant's dwelling on the real estate. The Superior Court shall have original jurisdiction to enforce this paragraph.

H. No person owning, leasing, controlling or managing any multiple dwelling unit served by a cable television system may discriminate in rental or other charges between tenants who subscribe to these services and those who do not, or demand or accept payment in any form for the affixing of cable television system equipment on or under the real estate, provided that the owner of the real estate may require, in exchange for permitting the installation of cable television system equipment within and upon the real estate, reasonable compensation to be paid by the cable operator. The compensation shall be determined in accordance with this subsection.

I. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

(1) "Cable television operator," "cable operator" or "operator" means any person, firm or corporation owning, controlling, operating, managing or leasing a cable system or any lawful agent appointed by any one of the persons or entities mentioned in this subparagraph.

(2) "Multiple dwelling unit" means any building or structure which contains 2 or more apartments or living units.

(3) "Owner" means the person or persons possessing legal title to real estate or the lawful agent appointed by an owner.

(4) "Tenant" means one who has the temporary use and occupation of real property owned by another person.

Effective September 29, 1987.

## CHAPTER 295

S.P. 461 — L.D. 1418

### AN ACT to Amend the Probate Code to Allow Reasonable Compensation for Public Guardians or Conservators.

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

18-A MRSA §5-612, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 540, §1, is amended to read:

### §5-612. Compensation

(a) ~~The public guardian or conservator of a mentally retarded person shall receive such reasonable amounts for its expenses as guardian or conservator as the probate court Probate Court may allow. The amounts so allowed shall be allocated to a trust an account from which may be drawn expenses for filing fees, bond premiums, court costs and other expenses required in the administration of the functions of the public guardian or conservator. No amounts thus received shall may inure to the benefit of any employee of the public guardian or conservator. Any balance in the trust account at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year and used for the purposes provided for in this subsection.~~

(b) ~~The public guardian or conservator of an incapacitated person in need of protective services shall not receive any compensation, profit or benefit from a ward or protected person or from any other source for service as public guardian or conservator. Any personal expenditures made on the ward's or protected person's behalf by the public guardian or conservator shall, when properly evidenced, be reimbursed out of the ward's or protected person's estate. Claims for services rendered by state agencies shall be submitted to the probate judge for approval before payment.~~

Effective September 29, 1987.

## CHAPTER 296

S.P. 466 — L.D. 1423

### AN ACT to Adjust Time Limits and Clarify Responsibility for Certification and Registration of Deaths.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2842, first ¶ is amended to read:

Except as authorized by the department, a certificate of each death which occurs in this State shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality where death occurred within ~~3 days~~ a reasonable period of time, as specified by department regulation, after the day on which death occurred and prior to the removal of the body from the State.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2842, sub-§2, amended by PL 1977, c. 382, is further amended to read:

2. Medical certificate by physician. The medical certification of the cause of death shall be completed and signed within 24 hours after death by the physician in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death in a timely fashion by a physician authorized to practice in the State who has knowl-