

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE  
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Twin City Printery  
Lewiston, Maine  
1988

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**PUBLIC LAWS**

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incorporate the results of previous investigations conducted pursuant to the United States Water Pollution Control Act, Section 208. The study shall include recommendations for land use management and other related techniques designed to mitigate the effects of indirect discharges. The study shall commence on July 1, 1987. The study shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources ~~on or before January 1 by February 29, 1988.~~

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

Effective February 10, 1988.

## CHAPTER 568

H.P. 1494 — L.D. 2044

### AN ACT to Exempt Deeds of Distribution from the Transfer Tax Filing Requirement.

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

**Sec. 1.** 36 MRSA §4641-D, sub-§§4 and 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 318, §2, are amended to read:

4. Deed affecting previous deed. Any deed which, without additional consideration, confirms, corrects, modifies or supplements a previously recorded deed; ~~and~~

5. Deed dated prior to October 1, 1975. Any deed dated or acknowledged prior to October 1, 1975, and offered for recording after that date; and

**Sec. 2.** 36 MRSA §4641-D, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Deed of distribution. Any deed of distribution made pursuant to Title 18-A.

Effective August 4, 1988.

## CHAPTER 569

H.P. 1613 — L.D. 2206

### AN ACT to Postpone the Effective Date for the Use of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps.

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

Whereas, the Commissioner of Marine Resources has adopted a rule requiring biodegradable escape panels on all lobster traps by January 1, 1988; and

Whereas, there is considerable confusion among lobster fishermen regarding the escape panel requirement, as well as other impending changes in the regulation of lobster fishing; and

Whereas, it is advisable to avoid confusion and to clarify the legal requirements relating to lobster fishing; 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:

12 MRSA §6433-A is enacted to read:

#### §6433-A. Biodegradable escape panels

Beginning January 1, 1990, all lobster traps must be equipped with a biodegradable ghost panel. A "ghost panel" is an escape panel which is designed to release lobsters from traps which are lost while fishing. The commissioner shall, by rule, provide for implementation of this requirement. The commissioner may not require ghost panels prior to January 1, 1990.

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

Effective February 10, 1988.

## CHAPTER 570

H.P. 1585 — L.D. 2163

### AN ACT to Improve Retraining Opportunities for Dislocated Workers.

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

Whereas, administrative funds are vitally necessary to continue the operation of the Dislocated Workers' Training Program; 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.** 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§5, ¶B, as amended by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §157, is further amended to read: