

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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(4) Other; and

I. Buses;

(1) Purchases; and

(2) Principal and interest payments on notes; and

J. Major capital outlay;

K. Leases;

L. Insured value; and

M. Debt service.

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 670

S.P. 926 — L.D. 2437

AN ACT to Provide a Special Exemption to Bangor Pre-Release Center Employees for Service Retirement Benefits.

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

5 MRSA §17851, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

11. Maine State Prison employees. The warden or deputy warden of the Maine State Prison, any officer or employee of the Maine State Prison employed as a guard or in the management of prisoners or any person employed as the supervising officer of those officers or employees qualifies for a service retirement benefit if he:

A. Was employed in one of those capacities before September 1, 1984, and:

(1) Completes 20 years of creditable service in one or more of those capacities; and

(2) Retires upon or after reaching the age of 50 years; or

B. Was employed in one of those capacities after August 31, 1984, and completed 25 years of creditable service in one or more of those capacities.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, no person in the employ of the Bangor Pre-Release Center on the effective date of this subsection who would have qualified for a service retirement benefit if the Bangor Pre-Release Center had remained the administrative responsibility of the Maine State Prison may be denied such a benefit by virtue of the transfer of that responsibility to the Charleston Correctional Facility.

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 671

S.P. 962 — L.D. 2553

AN ACT Establishing Maine Energy Policy.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3101, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

4. Scope of adjustment. Changes in the cost of fuel consumed in the electric utility's generating stations and changes in the cost of power purchased by the electric utility for use in this State constitute the only items subject to adjustment, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commission under this section. Those changes in the cost of purchased power which are subject to that adjustment shall exclude all capacity charges, except that, to the extent the commission determines just and reasonable, capacity charges for power purchased from small power producers or cogenerators, as defined in chapter 33, and capacity charges for Canadian power purchase contracts which receive a certificate under section 3133 on or after January 1, 1988, may be included in the adjustment, provided that capacity charges for small power producers or cogenerators and from Canadian power purchase contracts shall be accorded the same ratemaking treatment in proceedings under this section. Credits received by the utility for fuel or the fuel component of either purchased power or power sold to other utilities, including, but not limited to, credits associated with purchased energy or energy sold which are received from the savings fund of the New England Power Exchange shall be considered changes in the cost of fuel for the purposes of the fuel cost adjustment, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commission under this section.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA c. 31, sub-c. VI is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER VI

THE MAINE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 1988

§3191. Energy policy

The Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the State to ensure that Maine and its electric utilities pursue a least-cost energy plan. The Legislature further finds that a least-cost energy plan takes into account many factors including cost, risk, diversity of supply and all available alternatives, including purchases of power from Canadian sources. When the available alternatives are otherwise equivalent, the commission shall give preference first to conservation and demand management and then to power purchased from qualifying facilities. Nothing in this section is intended to modify the commission's authority under section 3133, subsection 9.