

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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water districts and sewer districts as provided in Title 35-A, section 6303, subsection 4, and Title 38, section 1252, subsection 5.

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 705

H.P. 1449 — L.D. 1960

AN ACT to Amend the Rules of Construction to Permit Use of Gender-Neutral Language in Maine Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §71, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. C, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §71, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Gender. In the construction of statutes, gender-neutral construction shall be applied as provided in this subsection.

A. Whenever reasonable, as determined by the Revisor of Statutes, nouns rather than pronouns shall be used to refer to persons in order to avoid gender identification.

B. In preparing any legislation which amends a section or larger division of the Maine Revised Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall be authorized to change any masculine or feminine gender word to a gender-neutral word when it is clear that the statute is not exclusively applicable to members of one sex. The Revisor of Statutes shall not otherwise alter the sense, meaning or effect of any statute.

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 706

H.P. 1725 — L.D. 2368

AN ACT to Revise the Solid Waste Law.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-W, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 557, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Application. Any ordinance adopted by the county commissioners of any county pursuant to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1310-W, is void on the effective date of this Act.

Effective August 4, 1988.

CHAPTER 707

S.P. 981 - L.D. 2609

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Law.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §410, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 709, §1, is amended to read:

1. To qualify for authority to transact any one kind of insurance, as defined in chapter 9, or combination of kinds of insurance as shown below, an insurer shall possess and thereafter maintain unimpaired paid-in capital stock, if a stock insurer, or unimpaired basic surplus, if a foreign mutual or a reciprocal insurer, and when first so authorized shall possess initial free surplus, all in amounts not less than as determined from the following table.

A health, life and health or multiple line (as described in section 710) insurer may qualify for a certificate of authority to transact a legal services insurance business, as described in chapter 38, if it is otherwise qualified therefor and possesses and thereafter maintains, in addition to the amounts described in the following table, an additional amount of unimpaired paid-in capital stock, if a stock insurer, or unimpaired basic surplus, if a foreign mutual or reciprocal insurer, of not less than \$500,000.

An insurer may qualify for a certificate of authority to transact solely financial guaranty insurance as defined in section 709-A, if it is otherwise qualified therefor and possesses and thereafter maintains paid-in capital stock in the amount of \$2,500,000 and initial free surplus in an amount of \$47,500,000 or, if the insurer is a foreign mutual or reciprocal insurer, minimum required basic surplus in an amount of \$2,500,000 and initial free surplus in an amount of \$47,500,000.

Kind or Kinds of Insurance	Stock Insurers		Foreign mutual, Reciprocal Insurers	
	Minimum Required Capital Stock	Initial Free Surplus	Minimum Required Basic Surplus	Initial Free Surplus
Life	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000*	\$1,500,000*
Health	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Life and Health	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000*	2,500,000*
Casualty	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Marine and Transportation	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Property	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000