

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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surgeons licensed under Title 32, chapter 48, are considered to render the same professional service.

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**CHAPTER 614**

**H.P. 1341 - L.D. 1858**

**An Act to Integrate Relief Provided by the Maine Residents Property Tax Program with Poverty Abatements**

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

**36 MRSA §6216, 2nd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 516, §§3 and 6, is amended to read:

Benefits received under this chapter may not be included as income for purposes of any state or municipally administered public benefit program but may be considered for purposes of determining eligibility for abatement under section 841, subsection 2.

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**CHAPTER 615**

**S.P. 711 - L.D. 1888**

**An Act Concerning Financial Accountability of Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15618-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 669, is amended in the first paragraph to read:

**1. Annual report.** Beginning in 1989, the commissioner shall prepare an annual report by December 1st showing approved school administrative unit educational budgets on a unit-by-unit basis. The report shall must show budgetary items approved by public schools and schools approved for tuition purposes in the following categories:

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15618-A, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Annual audit for schools approved for tuition purposes.** A private secondary school approved for tuition purposes must furnish to the State Auditor, on or before September 1st of each year, satisfactory proof that the books, accounts, financial documents and reports of the private secondary school to the commissioner for the preceding fiscal year have been examined and found to be in a satisfactory and accurate condition with proper vouchers on file. An audit must be made by the Department of Audit, by individuals or firms recognized as

competent auditors by training and experience or by qualified public accountants.

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**CHAPTER 616**

**H.P. 1373 - L.D. 1904**

**An Act to Increase Fees for Defensive Driving Courses**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4208,** as amended by PL 1981, c. 292, is further amended to read:

**§4208. Defensive driving courses; fees**

The Department of Public Safety is authorized to conduct defensive driving courses for the purpose of promoting highway safety and to charge a registration fee of \$15 \$20 to participants in the defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the department. The fee shall be used to cover the cost of conducting the courses. Any balances remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be used for the purposes stated in this section.

**Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<b>1990-91</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
<b>Defensive Driving - Bureau of Safety</b>	
Personal Services	\$14,000
All Other	10,000
Provides funds for additional staff time costs and related op- erational expenses.	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL</b>	<u>\$24,000</u>

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**CHAPTER 617**

**H.P. 1422 - L.D. 1974**

**An Act to Clarify the Status of Court Mediators, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Bail Commissioners with Respect to Civil Liability**