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**STATE OF MAINE**

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# PREFACE

The 1989 edition of the *Laws of Maine* is the official publication of the Legislative Session Laws of the State of Maine which is compiled and published under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 163-A.

The *Laws of Maine* has been in continuous publication since 1820, when the Acts and Resolves adopted by the First Legislature were published by the Secretary of State under the authority of Resolves 1820, chapter 25.

The first two volumes contain the public laws, private and special laws, resolves, constitutional resolutions and selected joint resolutions passed by the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature, along with a selection of proclamations and significant addresses.

Additional volumes of the 1989 *Laws of Maine* will contain those measures adopted in the Second Regular Session and special sessions of the 114th Legislature, along with a cumulative index to all 1989 volumes. The cumulative index which has been updated each biennium since 1964 was closed out at the end of the 113th Legislature. The new index to be published at the end of the 114th Legislature will be similarly updated and republished at the close of each legislative biennium.

The following information may be helpful.

1. At the top of each page is a heading which indicates the individual classification of each law, the year and session of passage and its chapter number.
2. A table of contents which is designed to assist the user in locating major divisions and contents by page reference can be found at the beginning of the volume.
3. An individual subject index of the documents contained in this volume arranged alphabetically by subject headings with corresponding chapter numbers is located at the end of the volume.
4. A session cross reference table is also provided at the end of Volume 2 to show how unallocated public laws, exempted in previous revisions, and Titles and sections of the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.
5. Words deleted from the law, unless repealed by express language, are stricken.
6. New words or sections are underlined.
7. Citations to a legislative document are printed beneath the chapter number heading to assist in locating the original source of each chapter.
8. The effective date for Maine laws is provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16 which specifies that except for certain emergency legislation, an act or resolve enacted into law shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it passed. The general effective date of non-emergency laws passed at the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature is September 30, 1989. The effective dates of emergency legislation vary and are provided at the end of the chapters for which emergencies apply.

Copies of a specific chaptered law may be obtained by contacting the Engrossing Division of this office, and copies of the original Legislative Document and any amendments may be obtained from the Legislative Document Room administered by the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

This edition and its predecessors have been prepared for the convenience of the people of the State of Maine and any comments or suggestions for improvements in subsequent editions would be appreciated.

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September, 1989