

# LAWS

#### **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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#### **PUBLIC LAWS, FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1993**

All Other Capital Expenditures	153,750 5,000	130,100 5,000
Provides 75% funding for a Planning and Research Associate I position and a CD Operations Officer position. Also provides funds for grants to certain counties, towns and agencies to provide emergency response support for a Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant emergency and other general operating expenses.		
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES TOTAL	\$201,614	\$180,406

Sec. 4. Additional allocation of Maine Nuclear Emergency Planning Fund. Expected gifts or grants received pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 956, subsection 3 must be allocated from the Maine Nuclear Emergency Planning Fund as follows.

	1993-94	1994-95
DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Radiological Emergency Preparedness Committee		
Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures Provides 25% funding for a Planning and Research Associate I position and a CD Operations Officer position. Also provides funds for grants to certain counties, towns and agencies to provide emergency response support for a Seabrook Atomic Power Plant emergency and other general operating expenses. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES	\$14,288 28,000 4,000	\$15,101 29,859 4,000

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

TOTAL

\$46,288

Effective May 12, 1993.

#### **CHAPTER 103**

H.P. 379 - L.D. 492

#### An Act to Require Judges to Consider the Desirability of Financial Forfeitures

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1152, sub-§2, ¶G, as amended by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt. D, §11, is further amended to read:

> G. A fine as authorized by chapter 53. Subject to the limitations of section 1302, such Such a fine may be imposed in addition to the sentencing alternatives in paragraphs B, D, E and F; or

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1152, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

**2-B.** Except when specifically precluded, in choosing the appropriate punishment for every natural person convicted of a crime, the court shall consider the desirability of imposing a sentencing alternative involving a fine either in conjunction with or in lieu of imposing a sentencing alternative involving imprisonment.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1152, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

C. A fine as authorized by chapter 53. Subject to the limitations of section 1302, such Such a fine may be imposed in addition to the sentencing alternative in paragraph D; or

**Sec. 4.** 17-A MRSA §1302, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

#### §1302. Criteria for imposing fines

No convicted person shall be sentenced to pay a fine unless the court determines that he is or will be able to pay the fine. In determining the amount and method of payment of a fine, the court shall take into account the financial resources of the offender and the nature of the burden that its payment will impose. No person shall may be imprisoned solely for the reason that he the person will not be able to pay a fine.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 104**

#### H.P. 381 - L.D. 494

#### An Act to Continue the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Act

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2954, sub-§14,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 526, §3, is amended to read:

\$48,960