

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1993**

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

Effective April 8, 1994.

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## CHAPTER 643

H.P. 1153 - L.D. 1552

### An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Required Qualifications to Practice Law in the State

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 124, §6, is amended to read:

A. Produces satisfactory evidence of good moral character;

(1) The fact that an applicant has been convicted as an adult of a crime that is punishable by imprisonment of one year or more in this State or in another state or jurisdiction of the United States raises a presumption that the applicant has not met this requirement. This presumption may be rebutted by proof that a lawful pardon has been obtained, that extraordinary circumstances surrounded the commission of the crime or that a reasonable amount of time has passed since the applicant's conviction and completion of sentence and there is evidence of complete rehabilitation based on the applicant's subsequent history.

(2) Nothing in subparagraph (1) precludes the board or the Supreme Judicial Court from considering a conviction as a basis for disqualification under this paragraph;

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 644

H.P. 1155 - L.D. 1554

### An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Assignment of School Attendance Areas

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** it is alleged that the children of the City of Portland face discrimination in their school attendance area assignments; and

**Whereas,** it is alleged that school administrative units have discriminated against children of low-income families in certain areas for a long period of time; and

**Whereas,** this economic discrimination must be remedied before the start of the next school year; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4502, sub-§4-B** is enacted to read:

**4-B. Economic discrimination.** A school board may consider the economic conditions within its geographical area of jurisdiction in assigning pupils to schools within a school administrative unit or a centralized education program but may not make assignments solely on the basis of economic condition.

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

Effective April 8, 1994.

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## CHAPTER 645

S.P. 560 - L.D. 1596

### An Act to Promote Managed Care and to Otherwise Facilitate the Cost-effective Delivery of Health Care in the State

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** it has become apparent that the laws relating to managed health care plans are restricting the ability of such plans to negotiate reductions in costs; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following