

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

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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**  
**1995**

**Whereas**, under current law, provisions authorizing insurance coverage for certain mental health treatments are scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 1995; and

**Whereas**, this legislation eliminates those repealers; 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. 24 MRSA §2325-A, sub-§5-C**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 586, §1, is further amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed July 1, ~~1995~~ 1996.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2843, sub-§5-C**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 586, §3, is further amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed July 1, ~~1995~~ 1996.

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

Effective April 11, 1995.

**CHAPTER 20**

**H.P. 168 - L.D. 216**

**An Act to Enhance the Title to Real Estate Acquired by Municipalities for Nonpayment of Taxes**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §946-A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 82, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§946-A. Tax-acquired property and the restriction of title action**

**1. Tax liens recorded after October 13, 1993.** A person may not commence an action against the validity of a governmental taking of real estate for nonpayment of property taxes upon the expiration of a 15-year period immediately following the expiration of the period of redemption. This subsection applies to a tax lien recorded after October 13, 1993.

**2. Tax liens recorded on or before October 13, 1993.** For a tax lien recorded on or before October 13, 1993, a person must commence an action against its validity no later than 15 years after the expiration of the period of redemption or no later than July 1, 1997, whichever occurs later.

**3. Disability or lack of knowledge.** Disability or lack of knowledge of any kind does not suspend or extend the time limits provided in this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 21**

**H.P. 169 - L.D. 217**

**An Act to Amend the Sewer Lien Law to Provide Clear Title**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1208**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 548, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A discharge of the certificate given after the right of redemption has expired, which discharge has been recorded in the registry of deeds for more than one year, terminates all title of the sewer district derived from that certificate or any other recorded certificate for which the right of redemption expired 10 years or more prior to the foreclosure date of this discharge lien, unless the sewer district has conveyed any interest based upon the title acquired from any of the affected liens.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to all liens recorded prior to and after the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 22**

**H.P. 173 - L.D. 221**

**An Act to Allow Municipal Officials to Approve the Use of Flashing Lights by Fire Department Members**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read: