

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 7, 1994 to June 30, 1995**

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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**

utility shall promptly provide any readily available relevant additional material or information requested by a customer, the commission or the Public Advocate.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 256**

**H.P. 1103 - L.D. 1550**

**An Act Concerning Environmental Registration Plates**

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

**Whereas,** the continuing success of the environmental plate program is dependent on changes in the distribution of the annual contribution; and

**Whereas,** the Environmental Trust Fund is important to improving our state parks and management of nongame wildlife; 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. 29-A MRSA §455, sub-§§4 and 5,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:

**4. Initial contribution to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund; renewal contribution.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the ~~annual~~ initial contribution for environmental registration plates is \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund established in Title 12, section 7759.

In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the annual renewal contribution for environmental registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund established in Title 12, section 7759.

**5. Reimbursement for production and issuance costs.** The Treasurer of State shall transfer

annually from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund to the ~~Secretary of State \$10 Highway Fund \$6~~ for each initial set of environmental registration plates issued ~~or renewed~~ and \$1 for each renewal of environmental registration plates. This transfer is to reimburse the Secretary of State for costs associated with production and issuance of the plates.

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

	1995-96	1996-97
<b>CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Maine State Parks Program</b>		
All Other	\$79,507	\$97,920
Capital Expenditures	79,510	106,080
Provides additional allocations to reflect increased revenues from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION TOTAL</b>		
	\$159,017	\$204,000
<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Endangered Nongame Operations</b>		
All Other	\$106,010	\$136,000
Provides additional allocations to reflect increased revenues from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE TOTAL</b>		
	106,010	136,000
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>		
	\$265,027	\$340,000

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

Effective June 14, 1995.