MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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- (1) The existence of significant facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons, or if the provision of the facilities and services is not practicable, that the housing is necessary to provide important housing opportunities for older persons;
- (2) That at least 80% of the dwellings are occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older per unit; and
- (3) The publication of, and adherence to, policies and procedures which that demonstrate an intent by the owner or manager to provide housing for persons 55 years of age or older.

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CHAPTER 86

H.P. 271 - L.D. 335

An Act to Prohibit Certain Activities by Insurance Adjusters

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1858 is enacted to read:

§1858. Activities of insurance adjusters

The following requirements govern the activities of insurance adjusters.

- **1. Solicitation.** An adjuster may not solicit or offer an adjustment services contract to any person not insured by the insurer for which the adjuster is providing services for at least 36 hours after an accident or occurrence as a result of which the person might have a potential claim.
- 2. Contract provision. Any adjustment services contract between an adjuster and any person not insured by the insurer for which the adjuster is providing services must contain a provision, prominently printed on the first page of the contract, stating that the person contracting with the adjuster has the option to rescind the contract within 2 business days after the contract is signed.
- **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98 1998-99

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Insurance

Positions - Legislative Count	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	\$6,300	\$8,825
All Other	3,750	5,000
Capital Expenditures	3.000	

Allocates funds for one part-time Market Conduct Examiner and related costs of enforcing certain prohibitions pertaining to insurance adjusters.

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION TOTAL

\$13,050 \$13,825

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CHAPTER 87

S.P. 33 - L.D. 31

An Act to Require That a Vacancy in the Office of Sheriff Be Filled by an Appointee from the Same Political Party

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §371-B is enacted to read:

§371-B. Vacancies

In the case of a vacancy in the term of a sheriff who was nominated by primary election before the general election, the sheriff appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy until a successor is chosen at election must be enrolled in the same political party as the sheriff whose term is vacant. In making the appointment, the Governor shall choose from any recommendations submitted to the Governor by the county committee of the political party from which the appointment is made.

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