

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

**CHAPTER 392****H.P. 623 - L.D. 848****An Act to Establish a One-year  
Moratorium on the Municipal  
Adoption and Enforcement of  
Certain Traffic Ordinances**

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

**Whereas,** the State can not support the enactment and enforcement of municipal ordinances that conflict with or duplicate traffic control limits contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A because of the effect on the consistency in the traffic laws and their enforcement across the State, the revenues of the State, the ability of the Secretary of State to regulate the licensing of motor vehicle operators and the ability of the Judicial Department to handle traffic violations fairly and efficiently; 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. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 549, §16 and affected by §17, is further amended to read:

B. The municipal officers may regulate the operation of all vehicles in the public ways and on publicly owned property.

(1) The violation of any ordinance authorized by this paragraph is a civil violation.

(2) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance authorized by this paragraph that is the same as or conflicts with any speed or other traffic control limits imposed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Title 29-A. This subparagraph is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out legislation on the issue of municipal adoption of traffic control ordinances to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

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

Effective June 2, 1997

**CHAPTER 393****S.P. 12 - L.D. 10****An Act to Correct Errors and  
Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine**

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

**Whereas,** Acts of previous Legislatures have resulted in certain technical errors and inconsistencies in the laws of Maine; and

**Whereas,** these errors and inconsistencies create uncertainties and confusion in interpreting legislative intent; and

**Whereas,** it is vitally necessary that these uncertainties and this confusion be resolved in order to prevent any injustice or hardship to the citizens of Maine; 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:**

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 2 MRSA §8,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 537, §1, is amended to read:

**§8. Land use mediation; obligation to participate**

Agencies within the executive branch shall participate in mediation under Title 5, chapter 314, subchapter II, when requested to participate by the Court ~~Mediation~~ Alternative Dispute Resolution Service. This section is repealed October 1, 2001.

**Sec. A-2. 3 MRSA §927, sub-§6, ¶C,** as repealed by PL 1995, c. 488, §1 and amended by c. 505, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. A-3. 4 MRSA §18, sub-§6,** as repealed by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. I, §2 and amended by c. 694, Pt. D, §1 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is repealed.