

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 4, 1996 to March 27, 1997

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Augusta, Maine
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2. Data collection and interpretation. The Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor, the Superintendent of Insurance and the board's executive director shall meet at least 3 times a year with appropriate staff and other state agencies to review the areas of data collection pertaining to the workers' compensation system, as well as to interpret and coordinate appropriate data collection programs to carry out the purposes of this Act. The Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards shall chair this group.

The Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards, the Superintendent of Insurance and the board's executive director shall provide jointly or individually any further occasional reports that they consider necessary to the improved function and administration of this Act and the occupational disease laws.

3. Occupational injuries and illnesses. The Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor shall provide an annual report concerning the number and character of occupational injuries and illnesses and their effects, as required under Title 26, section 42.

The board's executive director shall assist the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards to ensure that necessary information regarding the administrative processes, costs and other factors related to this Act and the occupational disease laws are included in the report. The Commissioner of Human Services and the Director of the Bureau of Health shall provide the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards with any information in their possession related to occupational injuries and illnesses.

4. Loss costs data. The Superintendent of Insurance shall provide the following information to the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor on an annual basis:

A. A tabulation of premium and loss costs paid and incurred on an accident-year basis regarding those insurance companies authorized by the Bureau of Insurance to write workers' compensation in the State; and

B. Similar data for self-insurance workers' compensation plans regulated by the Bureau of Insurance.

Sec. 9. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD		

**Administration - Workers'
Compensation Board**

Positions - Legislative Count	(10,000)	(10,000)
Personal Services	\$303,002	\$429,275
All Other	169,075	170,725

Allocates funds for 5 additional Advocate positions, one additional Staff Attorney position, 2 additional Auditor positions, 2 additional Clerk Typist III positions, reclassification of 5 1/2 Advocate positions from range 22 to range 24 and operating costs necessary to administer new responsibilities under the workers' compensation law.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD	_____	_____
TOTAL	\$472,077	\$600,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 487

S.P. 603 - L.D. 1800

**An Act to Include Flunitrazepam in
the List of Schedule W Drugs**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶¶L and M, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 924, §3, are amended to read:

L. Lysergic acid; ~~and~~

M. Lysergic acid amide; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§1, ¶N is enacted to read:

N. Flunitrazepam or its chemical equivalent.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 488

S.P. 357 - L.D. 1176

**An Act to Provide Continuity and
Flexibility for Long-term Care**