

# 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**  
**March 27, 1997 to June 20, 1997**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 26, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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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**  
**1997**

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000
Appropriates funds to cover the additional costs of administering an expanded moose permit system.		

**Savings Fund Program**

All Other	24,050	24,050
Appropriates funds to be used only to avoid future fee increases.		

**DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$28,050	\$28,050
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See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 491**

**H.P. 1171 - L.D. 1648**

**An Act to Increase Home Ownership**

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

**Whereas,** the Maine State Housing Authority has seen an unexpected increase in its first-time home buyer program this year; and

**Whereas,** as a result it is likely that the Maine State Housing Authority will reach the limits of its authority to issue moral obligation bonds prior to the fall; and

**Whereas,** that could result in an unnecessary disruption of the program; 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 §4907, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 871, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. Limitations on amount of outstanding principal.** The Maine State Housing Authority may not at any time have an aggregate principal amount outstanding, in excess of ~~\$1,150,000,000~~ \$1,650,000,000 of mortgage purchase bonds secured by the Housing Reserve Fund or a Capital Reserve Fund to which section 4906, subsection 3, paragraph A applies. Mortgage purchase bonds of the Maine State Housing Authority secured by capital reserve funds to which section 4906, subsection 3, paragraph A does not apply, bond or mortgage insurance, direct or indirect contract with the United States, purchase or repurchase agreement of guaranty with a banking or other financial organization or other credit arrangements securing the bonds may be issued up to \$100,000,000 per calendar year in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time not to exceed \$300,000,000.

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

Effective June 11, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 492**

**H.P. 1252 - L.D. 1771**

**An Act to Extend the Electric Rate Stabilization Program**

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

**Whereas,** pursuant to current legislation no certificates of approval for electric rate stabilization projects may be issued after February 1, 1997; and

**Whereas,** there continues to be a need for the approval of electric rate stabilization projects; 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. 10 MRSA §1053, sub-§6,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 289, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: