

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**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**

and approval of the Governor, to be used to meet Maine National Guard payrolls in fiscal year 1997-98.

**Sec. 2. Repayment to Maine Rainy Day Fund.** All funds received by the State as reimbursement from the Federal Government for its share of the Maine National Guard payrolls referenced in section 1 of this Act must be deposited in the Maine Rainy Day Fund as soon as practicable.

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

Effective January 29, 1998.

**CHAPTER 565**

**S.P. 812 - L.D. 2191**

**An Act to Provide State Matching Funds for Federal Disaster Assistance Relating to the January Ice Storms**

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

**Whereas,** the State was ravaged by 2 ice storms in January 1998 and has been declared a Federal Disaster Area; and

**Whereas,** these storms caused a tremendous amount of damage in municipalities across the State; 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. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-I** is enacted to read:

**1-I. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; disaster assistance.** Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 may be transferred from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the "Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency" program in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to be made available by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the

Governor to be used as the State's matching share for disaster assistance associated with the ice storms of 1998.

**Sec. 2. Unexpended resources.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is authorized to use, after identifying all outstanding obligations and commitments, all remaining resources available, including beginning cash balances and current year appropriations, within the General Fund Disaster Assistance account within the Maine Emergency Management Agency, in order to carry out the intent of this Act.

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

Effective February 12, 1998.

**CHAPTER 566**

**H.P. 1390 - L.D. 1943**

**An Act to Repeal the Residency Requirement for Credit Union Directors**

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

**Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §842, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:

A. The number of directors of a credit union ~~shall may~~ not be less than 5, all of whom must be ~~residents of this State~~ members of the credit union.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 567**

**H.P. 1365 - L.D. 1915**

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Filing of Municipal Campaign Reports**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1058,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 483, §19, is further amended to read:

**§1058. Reports; qualifications for filing**

A political action committee that is registered with the commission or that accepts contributions or incurs obligations in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50 on any one or more campaigns for the office of Governor, for state or county office or for the support or defeat of a referendum or initiated petition shall file a report on its activities in that campaign with the commission on forms as prescribed by the commission. A political action committee organized in this State required under this section to file a report shall file the report for each filing period under section 1059. A political action committee organized outside this State shall file with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of this State a copy of the report that the political action committee is required to file in the state in which the political action committee is organized. The political action committee shall file the copy only if it has expended funds or received contributions or made expenditures in this State. The copy of the report must be filed in accordance with the schedule of filing in the state where it is organized. If contributions or expenditures are made relating to a municipal office or referendum, ~~a copy of~~ the report must be filed with the clerk in the subject municipality. Any person or organization organized to oppose a question to be voted on by the electorate at referendum shall report, within 10 days following the drafting of the question by the Secretary of State and prior to the distribution of any petitions for voter signatures pursuant to chapter 11, to the commission as required in this section and sections 1059 and 1060.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2502, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 483, §22, is further amended to read:

**2. Municipal referenda campaigns.** Municipal referenda campaigns in towns or cities with a population of 15,000 or more are governed by Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter IV. ~~Copies of the~~ The registrations and reports of political action committees must be filed with the municipal clerk. A town or city with a population of less than 15,000 may choose to be governed by Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter IV by vote of its legislative body at least 90 days before a referendum election. A town or city that votes to adopt those provisions may revoke that decision, but it must do so at least 90 days before an election subject to that subchapter.

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## CHAPTER 568

H.P. 1407 - L.D. 1971

### An Act to Provide Representation for Chiropractors on the Board of the Maine Health Data Organization

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 53, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Board of directors.** The organization operates under the supervision of a board of directors, which consists of ~~16~~ 18 voting members.

A. The Governor shall appoint ~~14~~ 16 board members in accordance with the following requirements. Appointments by the Governor are not subject to review or confirmation.

(1) Three members must represent consumers. For the purposes of this section, "consumer" means a person who is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party payor, a provider or an association representing those providers or those 3rd-party payors.

(2) ~~Two~~ Three members must represent employers. One member must be chosen from a list provided by a health management coalition in this State.

(3) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors.

(4) ~~Seven~~ Eight members must represent providers. Two provider members must represent hospitals chosen from a list of at least 5 current hospital representatives provided by the Maine Hospital Association. Two provider members must be physicians or representatives of physicians chosen from a list of at least 5 nominees provided jointly by the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association. One provider member must be a dentist chosen from a list of at least 3 nominees provided by the Maine Dental Association. One provider member must be a chiropractor chosen from a list provided by a statewide chiropractic association. Two provider members must be representatives of other health care providers, at least one of whom is a current representative of a home health care company.