

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 7, 1998 to March 31, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 1, 1998 to April 9, 1998**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 30, 1998**

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**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 9, 1998**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**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**

- (1) A handling fee per case, \$20; and
- (2) Anticipated costs of providing the item or service, including shipping charges.

**2. Report documents.** For purposes of this section, "report documents" in a medical examiner case include the written report under section 3028, subsection 7; the written report of the findings of the autopsy under section 3028, subsection 8; and associated reports, including, but not limited to, toxicological reports, reports of forensic experts, reports of consultants and reports relating to harvested organs.

**3. Exemptions.** Exemptions from paying the fees established in subsection 1 are as follows.

- A. A governmental agency is exempt from all fees in subsection 1.
- B. A health care provider who has rendered service to the deceased is exempt from fees for the copy of report documents under subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2).
- C. A next of kin of the deceased, as defined under section 2843-A, is exempt from the fee for one copy per family of report documents under subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2).

**4. Waiver.** Notwithstanding the fee schedule under subsection 1, paragraph A, fees for report documents relating to a medical examiner case may be waived at the discretion of the Chief Medical Examiner.

**5. Deposit of fees.** All fees collected must be deposited in a dedicated account within the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. At the end of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall transfer all unencumbered balances in excess of \$500 to the General Fund as undedicated revenue.

**Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

**ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
Chief Medical Examiner - Office of**

All Other	\$13,750
Provides for the allocation of funds for costs related to providing documents, slides	

and other items or services related to medical examiner cases.

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**CHAPTER 599**

**S.P. 564 - L.D. 1721**

**An Act Regarding Appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees**

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

**Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 848, §3, 2nd ¶** is amended to read:

The transfer may occur only if the transferee corporation has a board of trustees that includes the chancellor of the University of Maine System; 3 members representing the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System; the President of Bates College; the President of Bowdoin College; the President of Colby College; and not fewer than 8 nor more than 12 public trustees elected by the board in the manner prescribed in the corporation's bylaws. The president of the transferee corporation is a nonvoting member of the board. By January 1, 1999, 2 additional public trustees must be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Senate. By January 1, 1999, the board shall amend the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation bylaws to reflect the method of appointment of public trustees described in this paragraph.

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**CHAPTER 600**

**H.P. 887 - L.D. 1204**

**An Act to Establish the Maine Disaster Relief Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19-B** is enacted to read:

**§19-B. State employee participation in disaster relief**

In order to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross, a state