

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**

**1. Turnpike revenue bonds.** ~~The~~ In addition to bonds outstanding pursuant to any other provision of this chapter, the authority may provide by resolution from time to time for the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, including notes or other evidences of indebtedness or obligations defined to be bonds under this chapter, but not exceeding \$116,000,000 \$170,000,000 in the principal amount at any one time outstanding exclusive of refundings, for any purpose described in section 1969, subsection 1.

**2. Bonds for construction and reconstruction of interchanges.** ~~In addition to bonds outstanding pursuant to subsection 1 any other provision of this chapter,~~ the authority may provide by resolution from time to time for the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, including notes or other evidences of indebtedness or obligations defined to be bonds under this chapter, but not exceeding \$40,000,000 in principal amount at any one time outstanding exclusive of refundings, to pay the cost, or a portion of the cost, of constructing or reconstructing interchanges. Construction or reconstruction costs of interchanges paid for with bonds in accordance with this subsection must be determined by the Department of Transportation and the authority to have a sufficient relationship to the public's use of the turnpike and the orderly regulation and flow of traffic on the turnpike in accordance with section 1974, subsection 3. New interchanges paid for with bonds in accordance with this subsection must be located in the Portland-Westbrook segment, the Lewiston-Auburn-Sabatius segment, or the Gray-New Gloucester segment of the turnpike.

**Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1968, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 504, Pt. C, §5, is amended to read:

**2-A. Bonds for Department of Transportation projects.** ~~In addition to bonds outstanding pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 any other provision of this chapter,~~ the authority may provide by resolution from time to time but no later than June 30, 1997 for the issuance of special obligation bonds, including notes or other evidences of indebtedness or obligations defined to be bonds under this chapter, not exceeding \$40,000,000 in aggregate principal amount exclusive of refundings, to pay to the Department of Transportation the costs, or a portion of the costs, of Department of Transportation projects. Department of Transportation projects paid for with bonds in accordance with this subsection must be determined by the Department of Transportation and the authority to have sufficient relationship to the public's use of the turnpike in accordance with section 1974, subsection 6.

**Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1968, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Bonds for turnpike widening.** In addition to bonds outstanding pursuant to any other applicable provision of this chapter, the authority may provide by resolution from time to time for the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, including notes or other evidences of indebtedness or obligations defined to be bonds under this chapter, not exceeding \$41,000,000 in principal amount at any one time outstanding exclusive of refundings to pay the cost or a portion of the cost of constructing all or a portion of a 3rd travel lane for each direction of travel on the turnpike pursuant to section 1965, subsection 1, paragraph D and for the construction or reconstruction of overpasses, bridges, interchanges, tunnels, underpasses, toll facilities and related improvements and construction in connection with the addition of any lane or lanes.

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## CHAPTER 647

H.P. 955 - L.D. 1318

### An Act to Clarify the Application of Law in Workers' Compensation Cases

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

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Prior work-related injuries.** If an employee suffers a work-related injury that aggravates, accelerates or combines with the effects of a work-related injury that occurred prior to January 1, 1993 for which compensation is still payable under the law in effect on the date of that prior injury, the employee's rights and benefits for the portion of the resulting disability that is attributable to the prior injury must be determined by the law in effect at the time of the prior injury.

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## CHAPTER 648

H.P. 1013 - L.D. 1405

### An Act to Strengthen Laws Regarding Timber Theft and Timber Harvesting

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