

# 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**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**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**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		
TOTAL	\$70,000	\$100,000
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Bureau of Health</b>		
Capital Expenditures	\$32,000	
Allocates funds for capital equipment in the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory to be used in activities related to the closure of the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Wiscasset.		
<b>Bureau of Health</b>		
All Other		(\$75,000)
Deallocates funds to reflect a loss of revenue to the Radiation Control Program.		
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
TOTAL	\$32,000	(\$75,000)
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$102,000	\$25,000

**Sec. 12. Reimbursement.** Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company shall reimburse the Department of Environmental Protection for actual costs incurred in conducting activities related to decommissioning by the department's regular or project staff or by the department's contractors. Reimbursement charges may not exceed \$70,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 or \$100,000 in fiscal year 1998-99.

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

Effective April 3, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 687**

**H.P. 1433 - L.D. 1997**

**An Act to Expand Access to  
Employment Security Data to  
Authorized Agents of Child Support  
Enforcement Agencies**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 537, is further amended to read:

**7. Records and reports.** Each employing unit shall keep true and accurate work records, containing such information as the commissioner may prescribe. These records ~~shall~~ must be open to inspection and be subject to being copied by the commissioner or ~~his~~ the commissioner's authorized representatives at any reasonable time and as often as may be necessary. The commissioner may require from any employing unit any sworn or unsworn reports, with respect to persons employed by it, ~~which that~~ the commissioner ~~deems~~ considers necessary for the effective administration of this chapter. Information thus obtained or obtained from any individual pursuant to the administration of this chapter ~~shall~~, except to the extent necessary for proper presentation of a claim, must be held confidential and ~~shall may~~ not be published or ~~be open~~ opened to public inspection, other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties or to any agent of an agency that is under contract with a state or local child-support agency, or to any agent of an agency that is under contract or subcontract with the state employment and job training agency, pursuant to safeguards established by the commissioner, in any manner revealing the individual's or employing unit's identity, but the department shall, upon request, provide to any party to an adjudicatory proceeding information from the records relating to the proceeding. Final decisions of adjudicatory proceedings are available to the public provided that the names and addresses of claimants and employers are deleted from the decisions. Records, with any necessary authentication thereof, required in the prosecution of any criminal action brought by another state for misrepresentation to obtain benefits under the law of this State ~~shall~~ must be made available to the agency administering the employment security law of any such state for the purpose of such prosecution. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class E crime. Any agent of an agency that is under contract with a state or local child-support agency, or any agent of an agency that is under contract or subcontract with the state employment and job training agency who discloses any information that is confidential pursuant to this subsection, other than disclosure authorized by this subsection, is guilty of a Class E crime.

See title page for effective date.

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