

# 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**

pending the final adjudication of the board with respect to such matter.

**Sec. 11. Expenses.** Any positions or expenditures necessary to carry out this Act may not be filled or incurred unless the legislative employees elect to collectively bargain.

**Sec. 12. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.

Effective July 1, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 742**

**H.P. 1532 - L.D. 2159**

**An Act to Establish an Advisory Commission on Women Veterans**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

<u>5-B.</u> <u>Defense,</u> <u>Veterans and</u> <u>Emergency</u> <u>Management</u>	<u>Advisory</u> <u>Commission</u> <u>on Women</u> <u>Veterans</u>	<u>Expenses</u> <u>Only</u>	<u>37-B</u> <u>MRSA</u> <u>§1151</u>
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**Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA c. 25** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 25**

**WOMEN VETERANS**

**§1151. Advisory Commission on Women Veterans**

**1. Establishment.** The Advisory Commission on Women Veterans, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5-B and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall act as an advisory commission to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on issues affecting women veterans. The commission shall also serve as a liaison between women veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center at Togus.

**2. Membership.** The commission is composed of no fewer than 3 and no more than 5 members, all of whom must be women veterans, to be appointed by the Adjutant General.

**3. Chair.** The commission shall elect a chair from among its members.

**4. Terms of office.** The term of office of a member is 3 years.

**5. Compensation.** Members of the commission are entitled to be reimbursed for their expenses.

**6. Staff assistance.** The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall provide assistance to the commission in the conduct of its business.

**7. Meetings.** The commission shall meet at least 3 times a year.

**8. Duties.** The duties of the commission are to:

A. Advise the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on issues affecting women veterans; and

B. Serve as a liaison between women veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center at Togus.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1998-99**

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Veterans Services**

All Other \$1,200

Provides funds for the reimbursement of expenses for members of the Advisory Commission on Women Veterans.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 743**

**S.P. 708 - L.D. 1956**

**An Act to Extend the Prevailing Wage Laws to the Maine Turnpike Authority**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1966, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 435, §1, is further amended to read: