

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 4, 1996 to March 27, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**March 27, 1997 to June 20, 1997**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 26, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

**CHAPTER 44**

**S.P. 187 - L.D. 605**

**An Act to Provide for an Additional Staff Member for the Business Enterprise Program**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1997-98**

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF  
Rehabilitation Services**

Positions-Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$22,975
All Other	3,000

Appropriates funds for one Business Enterprise Program Assistant position and necessary operating costs in the Division of Blind and Visually Impaired. This position will be transferred to Other Special Revenue in fiscal year 1998-99.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25,975

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

**1998-99**

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF  
Rehabilitation Services**

Positions-Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$31,857
All Other	3,000

Allocates funds for one Business Enterprise Program Assistant position and necessary operating costs in the Division of Blind and Visually Impaired.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
\$34,857

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 45**

**S.P. 50 - L.D. 160**

**An Act to Fund Research Regarding the Reinstatement of a Meat Inspection Program**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1997-98**

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Marketing Services**

All Other	\$20,000
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Appropriates funds to research the reinstatement of a state-operated meat inspection program and to initiate a meat inspection pilot project.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 46**

**S.P. 307 - L.D. 1015**

**An Act to Authorize the Extension of Needed Positions at the Augusta Mental Health Institute**

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

**Whereas**, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, certain positions at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute are only authorized until January 31, 1997; and