

# 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**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 1997**

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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**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98

**LEGISLATURE**

**Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for all Regions of the State**

Personal Services	\$1,100
All Other	1,500

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs of the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for all Regions of the State.

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**TOTAL** \$2,600

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**CHAPTER 52**

**H.P. 263 - L.D. 327**

**An Act to Expand Access to Maine's Technical Colleges**

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

**Sec. 1. Matching appropriation.** The \$300,000 appropriation provided to the Maine Technical College System by section 2 of this Act must be matched by an equal amount raised by the system through a fund-raising campaign between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1999. Each college must raise funds equal to at least 50% of the state funds identified for that college as determined by the board of trustees. For purposes of this Act, matching funds may be in the form of cash, grants, equipment or supplies. If the system is unable to raise the entire \$300,000 in matching funds, the system shall return to the State by June 30, 1999 the portion of this appropriation that the system is unable to match. The funds must be used to increase system enrollment by approximately 85 students.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

**MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Maine Technical College System - Board of Trustees**

All Other	\$300,000
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Provides funds that, when matched by an equal amount raised by the colleges through a fund-raising campaign, will be used to increase system enrollment by approximately 85 students.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 53**

**S.P. 516 - L.D. 1600**

**An Act to Assist the Maine Potato Industry**

**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	1998-99
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**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Marketing Services - Agriculture**

All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
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Provides for the appropriation of funds for inspections of table stock potatoes.

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