

# 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**

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**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**

Provides funds to expand the shelter operating subsidy program. Fifteen percent of these funds must be designated for shelter services to homeless youth and young adults.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 87

S.P. 734 - L.D. 2012

### An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project

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

**Whereas,** the information systems of several state departments and agencies require significant modifications before the year 2000; and

**Whereas,** funding to make necessary information system modifications has not been provided; and

**Whereas,** as much time as possible is required to make the necessary changes before the end of the year 1999; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Report.** The Director of the Bureau of Information Services, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, shall submit detailed status reports at the close of each fiscal quarter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs describing the progress made by each department or agency toward resolution of "Year 2000" information system problems.

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

1997-98

## LEGISLATURE

### Legislature

All Other \$150,000

Provides a portion of the funds needed to accomplish the computer migration project and to assist in addressing "Year 2000" information system problems.

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

Effective April 14, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 88

S.P. 737 - L.D. 2015

### An Act to Clarify the Law Requiring the Appointment of the Pineland Development Authority

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

**Whereas,** it is important that this legislation be enacted immediately so there will be local representation on the conversion committee in the event there is an opportunity to sell or lease the Pineland Center; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1995, chapter 79, §1, sub-§3** is amended to read:

**3. Pineland Conversion Committee.** The "Pineland Conversion Committee," established in section 3 and referred to in this Act as the "committee," consists of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, who serves as chair; the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services; the chair or any member of the Governor's Task Force on Pineland Center Reuse as of October 1995 as established by Executive Order 4 Fiscal Year 1994-95; a representative 3 representatives appointed by the Board of Selectmen municipal officers of the Town of New Gloucester; one of whom must be the chair or a member of the Governor's Task Force on Pineland

Center Reuse as of October 1995, as established by Executive Order 4 Fiscal Year 1994-95; a representative appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of North Yarmouth; a representative appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Pownal; a representative appointed by the Town Council of the Town of Gray; and a representative appointed by the Governor.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1995, c. 79, §3** is amended:

**Sec. 3. Committee establishment; membership; appointment.** ~~The committee Pineland Conversion Committee is established in section 1, subsection 3 and consists of 5 members, appointed by the Governor, to~~ and serve until such time as the Governor appoints members to the Pineland Development Authority pursuant to section 13 or all interests in the state property have been conveyed. A committee member's term does not extend beyond 2 years from the effective date of this Act. Immediately after appointment, the member shall assume that member's duties. Any vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term by the Governor. ~~Three members are~~ A quorum consists of 5 members. A majority of those ~~members present and voting is~~ required for the committee to take action as long as ~~at least one member voting in favor of any committee action is either the chair of or a member of the Governor's Task Force on Pineland Center Reuse or the chair and 2 members voting in favor of any committee action are~~ representative representatives appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of New Gloucester. A vacancy in the committee does not impair the right of committee members to exercise all rights and perform all the duties of the committee. The Governor may remove a member from the committee for misconduct.

A committee member is not entitled to receive compensation for services but is entitled to receive reimbursement for necessary expenditures, including travel expenses incurred in carrying out these services. A committee member is not an employee of the State or its agencies.

The committee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on February 1, 1999 on the status of the committee's efforts to sell Pineland Center.

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

Effective April 14, 1998.

## CHAPTER 89

S.P. 722 - L.D. 1965

### An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Interpreter Service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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

**Whereas,** recent funding that provided interpretive services required by state law for those people who are deaf or hard of hearing and are dealing with state agencies or the judicial system has been depleted well before the end of each fiscal year; and

**Whereas,** to comply with the requirements of state law it is necessary to appropriate additional funds for the needed interpretive services; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**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.

1998-99

#### LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

##### Rehabilitation Services

All Other	\$36,400
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Appropriates funds for hourly interpreting services, in-service training for certain law enforcement and court agencies, establishment of an emergency response system to access on-call legal interpreters and for administrative purposes. The Department of Labor is authorized to utilize other available resources to accomplish these purposes.