

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**  
**1999**

**§1502-A. Consent to give blood**

A minor may consent to give blood if the minor is at least 17 years of age, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

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**CHAPTER 11**

**S.P. 60 - L.D. 130**

**An Act to Prevent Children from Acquiring Gunpowder**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §3 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

B. Knowingly sells, furnishes, gives away or offers to sell, furnish or give away to a child under 16 years of age any intoxicating liquor, cigarettes, tobacco, air rifles, gunpowder, smokeless powder or ammunition for firearms;

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 263, §2, is further amended to read:

C. The defendant was the parent, foster parent, guardian or an adult approved by the parent, foster parent or guardian who furnished a child under 16 years of age an air rifle, gunpowder, smokeless powder or ammunition for a firearm for use in a supervised manner.

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**CHAPTER 12**

**S.P. 238 - L.D. 660**

**An Act to Include Counties in the Definition of Local Government in the Archives and Records Management Law**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §92-A, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 148, §3, is amended to read:

**2-A. Local government.** "Local government" means a municipality, county, school district or other special-purpose district or multi-purpose district.

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**CHAPTER 13**

**H.P. 544 - L.D. 765**

**An Act to Make Materiality a Jury Issue Relative to the Crime of Perjury**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §451, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

~~2. Whether a statement is material is a question of law to be determined by the court.~~ In a prosecution under subsection 1, paragraph B, it need not be alleged or proved which of the statements is false but only that one or the other was false and not believed by the defendant person to be true.

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**CHAPTER 14**

**H.P. 380 - L.D. 511**

**An Act to Increase the Amount Below Which Counties Do Not Need to Solicit Bids for Purchases**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §124, last ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 785, §4, is further amended to read:

Except for purchases through the State, the county commissioners shall make all purchases over ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 of services, supplies, materials and equipment needed by the county, or any department or agency of the county, by competitive bidding. Title 5, chapter 155, subchapter I-A governs these purchases as far as applicable. Title 5, section 1825-B, subsection 2, paragraph A<sub>7</sub> governs purchases through the State.

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