

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**

**1. Establishment.** Within 180 days after September 23, 1983, the commissioner shall adopt rules establishing a fund to be known as the "Maine Milk Pool," to which all money collected from Maine dealers pursuant to ~~subsections~~ subsection 2 and 3 must be credited. These funds must be redistributed to eligible Maine market producers, eligible northern Maine market producers and eligible Boston market producers according to procedures established under subsection 4.

**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §3153, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 693, §18 and affected by §25, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §3154, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 693, §19 and affected by §25, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect June 1, 1999.

Effective June 1, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 162

H.P. 566 - L.D. 787

### An Act to Amend the Membership of the Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §51, sub-§1, ¶¶A, B and  
C,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 93, §2, are further  
amended to read:

A. The Commissioner of Labor serves as an ex officio voting member. The Governor shall appoint the other members of the commission, which consists of not more than 12 members, including:

- (1) Three members with expertise and professional qualifications in the field of occupational safety and health;
- (2) Two members representing workers and 2 members representing private employers, all of whom must be knowledgeable in the area of workplace safety; and
- (3) Other members the Governor considers necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

B. ~~Initial~~ Except for the Commissioner of Labor, initial appointments are made for terms of one, 2,

3 and 4 years such that the terms of approximately 1/4 of the members expire in each year. All subsequent appointments are for terms of 4 years. Each member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified.

C. ~~The Governor~~ commission shall appoint by majority vote the chair and vice-chair of the commission ~~and the Commissioner of Labor shall serve as vice chair.~~ Appointments as chair and vice-chair are for 2 years. The commission shall actively seek information and involvement from organized labor, the professional safety community, the various state and federal agencies concerned with safety and interested private citizens, groups and organizations.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 163

H.P. 190 - L.D. 268

### An Act to Prohibit the Misuse of Laser Pointers

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

**Whereas,** the inappropriate use of laser pointers by directing them at people is increasing and poses a danger to health and safety; and

**Whereas,** the dangers include potential eye damage and fear that a person is being targeted by a weapon; 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. 17-A MRSA §1002-A** is enacted to read:

#### §1002-A. Criminal use of laser pointers

**1. A person is guilty of criminal use of a laser pointer if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly points a laser pointer at another person, while the laser pointer is emitting a laser beam, and:**

A. Causes bodily injury to that other person;