

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
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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**

B. That other person is a law enforcement officer in uniform; or

C. Causes a reasonable person to suffer intimidation, annoyance or alarm.

2. For the purposes of this section, "laser pointer" means a hand-held device that emits a visible light beam amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation.

3. It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that at the time of the laser pointer's use the person who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly pointed a laser pointer at another person was justified under chapter 5 in threatening or using physical force upon the other person.

4. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph A or B is a Class D crime. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph C is a Class E crime. As part of every judgment of conviction and sentence imposed, every laser pointer that constitutes the basis for conviction under this section must be forfeited to the State and the court shall so order, unless another person can satisfy the court prior to the judgment and by a preponderance of the evidence that such other person had a right to possess the laser pointer, to the exclusion of the defendant, at the time of the offense.

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

Effective May 13, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 164**

**S.P. 731 - L.D. 2081**

**An Act to Make Commercial Vehicle Weight Limits Consistent with Federal Law**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2351, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**4. Interstate Highway System.** "The Interstate Highway System" has the same definition as in the United States Highway Act of 1956, except that it does not include that portion of the Maine Turnpike designated Interstate 95 and 495 and that portion of

Interstate 95 from the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike to the New Hampshire state line.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 165**

**H.P. 1200 - L.D. 1710**

**An Act to Amend the Membership of the Information Services Policy Board**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1887, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. A, §78, is amended to read:

The Bureau of Data Processing shall provide the major data processing services in State Government, including computer operations and programming and applications systems. The bureau, as authorized by the ~~deputy~~ commissioner, shall work to assure consistency in programming services, stability in data processing functions, reliability in the operation and maintenance of systems throughout State Government and responsiveness and flexibility to react to changing situations and needs.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1887, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. A, §78, is amended to read:

**3. Assist the commissioner.** The bureau shall assist the ~~deputy~~ commissioner in carrying out ~~his~~ the ~~commissioner's~~ duties and responsibilities.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1888,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 857, §33, is further amended to read:

**§1888. Noncompliance defined**

~~No~~ The purchase of data processing equipment, software or services ~~and no~~ or internal systems development efforts may not be made except in accordance with this subchapter. ~~No~~ An agency may not purchase any data processing equipment, software or services without the prior written approval of the ~~deputy~~ commissioner. ~~The state controller shall~~ State Controller may not authorize payment for data processing equipment, software or services without evidence of prior approval of the purchases by the ~~deputy~~ commissioner.

**1. Definition of noncompliance.** A state agency is deemed in noncompliance with this subchapter if the agency: