

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**

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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. Must provide to any entity to whom it offers to provide services under subsection 1 notice that the entity is under no obligation to accept any of the services and that no other service provided by the bank is conditional upon or affected by the entity's acceptance or rejection of the offer;

C. May not extend credit or vary the terms of credit based on an entity's acceptance or rejection of an offer by the bank to provide services pursuant to subsection 1; and

D. May not encourage or otherwise seek to persuade any entity to accept any services offered by the bank pursuant to subsection 1, if the entity has an application with the bank for a loan, until after the bank has taken final action on approving or rejecting the application.

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

Effective May 18, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 232**

**H.P. 1162 - L.D. 1673**

**An Act to Amend the Abandoned Property Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §1953, sub-§1, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 508, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

G. A gift certificate, 3 years after December 31st of the year in which the certificate was sold; the amount abandoned is the price paid by the purchaser for the gift certificate, except that the amount abandoned is 60% of the certificate's face value if the issuer of the certificate does not impose a dormancy charge or period of limitations on the owner's right to redeem the certificate at 100% of face value;

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 233**

**S.P. 635 - L.D. 1802**

**An Act to Restore the Distribution Formula Between Private and Public Colleges within the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program**

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

**Whereas,** the cost of higher education is a deterrent to students who seek a higher education; and

**Whereas,** making higher education accessible is necessary to increase the aspirations of Maine students; and

**Whereas,** there is an immediate need to ensure that students demonstrating financial need have access to sufficient amounts of financial assistance; 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. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. HH, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Minimum amount.** It is the intent of the Legislature that scholarships awarded under this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than: \$1,000 for students attending public institutions of higher education within the State; \$1,250 for students attending private institutions of higher education within the State; \$500 for students attending public institutions of higher education outside the State; and \$1,000 for students attending private institutions of higher education outside the State. Amounts less than the minimum amounts required by this subsection may be awarded to meet needs as determined under section 11613. The authority may not grant awards of less than \$200 to a full-time student. A scholarship received by a student under this chapter may not be applied to reduce institutional or other grant aid to that student.

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

Effective May 18, 1999.