

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**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**  
**2000**

C. Have environmental monitoring and other leak detection procedures approved by the commissioner, including monthly visual monitoring for oil and monthly visual inspection of the tank piping; and

D. Store only #6 fuel oil.

After ~~October 1, 2000~~ July 1, 2002 or after a documented leak or subsurface discharge of oil, a person may not operate, maintain or store oil in a concrete underground oil storage facility or tank exempt under this subsection. An owner or operator of a concrete underground oil storage tank exempt under this subsection is not eligible for coverage from the fund of clean-up costs and 3rd-party damage claim costs under section 568-A for any discharge discovered at that tank after October 1, 1997.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 641**

**H.P. 1886 - L.D. 2625**

**An Act to Strengthen the Habitual Motor Vehicle Offender Law**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2556, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Petition.** An habitual offender whose license has been revoked pursuant to section 2552 may petition the Secretary of State for a work-restricted license only after the expiration of 8 months from the date the license was revoked pursuant to section 2552.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 642**

**S.P. 113 - L.D. 310**

**An Act to Allow Children to Fish from Shore with a Single Baited Hook and Line on Certain Portions of the Aroostook River**

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

**Whereas**, a lifelong interest in recreational sport fishing begins with children who have the opportunity to fish; and

**Whereas**, current sport fishing rules unreasonably restrict the opportunity for a child to fish with a single baited hook and line; and

**Whereas**, such opportunities must be in place as quickly as possible; 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. 12 MRSA §7559** is enacted to read:

**§7559. Aroostook River**

A person 12 years of age or younger may fish from shore with a singlebaited hook and line on the following areas of the Aroostook River during the open water fishing season:

**1. Caribou.** In the Town of Caribou, from and including Otter Brook upstream to the Maine Public Service Company dam, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the first highway bridge intersecting each tributary; and

**2. Fort Fairfield.** In the Town of Fort Fairfield, from and including Pattee Brook upstream to Hockenhull Brook, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the first highway bridge intersecting the tributary.

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

Effective April 7, 2000.

**CHAPTER 643**

**H.P. 1847 - L.D. 2584**

**An Act to Establish an Appeals Process for License Denial Under Limited-entry Fisheries**

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

**Whereas**, people have been denied lobster and crab fishing licenses and sea urchin harvesting licenses because of illness or military service since limited-entry laws were enacted for those fisheries; and