

# 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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**2-A. Island vehicles and low-speed vehicles.**

The following provisions apply to vehicles operating on islands that have no public ways maintained or supported by the State.

A. Notwithstanding subsection 1, an automobile may be registered for an annual fee of \$2. A low-speed vehicle may be registered for an annual fee of \$4. The registrant must show evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482. The municipality may collect an additional \$4 fee annually to defray the cost of removing abandoned vehicles.

B. A low-speed vehicle may be operated on an island if the governing body of the municipality allows. A low-speed vehicle may be operated only on a road or street where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. A low-speed vehicle may cross, at an intersection, a road or street with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

C. Any person operating a low-speed vehicle on an island must possess a valid driving license in any class.

**Sec. 4. Low-speed vehicle issues.** The Department of the Secretary of State and the Maine State Police shall review the potential issues that may arise from the use of low-speed vehicles in the State. This review must include an examination of the potential safety issues involved with low-speed vehicle use, the experience of the 24 other states that allow the use of these vehicles and the experience of any Maine islands that allow low-speed vehicles. The departments shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 16, 2001. The joint standing committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters may report out a bill to implement any recommendations after discussion of the report.

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**CHAPTER 661**

**H.P. 1899 - L.D. 2640**

**An Act to Amend the Program Evaluation Report Contents of the State Government Evaluation Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶¶G, J and K,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 488, §2, are amended to read:

G. Identification of those areas where an agency has coordinated its efforts with other state and federal agencies in achieving program objectives and other areas in which an agency could establish cooperative arrangements, including, but not limited to, cooperative arrangements to coordinate services and eliminate redundant requirements;

J. Identification of emerging issues for the agency or program in the coming years; ~~and~~

K. Any other information specifically requested by the committee of jurisdiction; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶L** is enacted to read:

L. A comparison of any related federal laws and regulations to the state laws governing the agency or program and the rules implemented by the agency or program.

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**CHAPTER 662**

**H.P. 1933 - L.D. 2677**

**An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain Kennebec County Officers**

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

**Whereas,** it has become necessary to revise the salaries of certain county officers of Kennebec County; and

**Whereas,** it is desired to have these revisions retroactive to January 1, 2000; 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,