

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 2, 1998 to June 19, 1999**

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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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**

**CHAPTER 44**

**S.P. 98 - L.D. 237**

**An Act to Enhance Senior Volunteerism in Maine**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Bureau of Elder and Adult Services</b>		
All Other	\$44,000	\$44,000
Provides additional funds for 8 community-based senior volunteer programs. This amount, along with amounts included in the current services budget, will provide each program with \$15,000 annually.		

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**CHAPTER 45**

**H.P. 587 - L.D. 827**

**An Act to Promote the Cranberry Industry and to Encourage Cultivation of Cranberries in the State**

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

**Whereas,** the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

**Whereas,** continuation of the pest management program during the summer months is of critical importance; 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. Integrated pest management program for cranberries; University of Maine Cooperative Extension.** The funding for the integrated pest management program for cranberries at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension first provided in fiscal year 1998-99 in Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 93 and currently funded at approximately \$50,000 per year is ongoing funding to be used for that purpose only. Any cost-of-living adjustments provided for the "current services" budget of the University of Maine System must also be applied to the funding for this program.

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

Effective June 11, 1999.

**CHAPTER 46**

**S.P. 208 - L.D. 597**

**An Act to Allow Certain Companies' Operations that Started in 1996 to Qualify for Employment Tax Increment Financing Treatment**

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

**Sec. 1. Eligibility of certain operations for employment tax increment financing treatment.** Notwithstanding contrary provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 917, a qualified business employing qualifying employees in 1996 may use base level data from December 31, 1995 for the purposes of chapter 917 if approval for reimbursement under the chapter was not completed before December 31, 1996 as a result of delays in full implementation of chapter 917. To qualify under this Act, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of Economic and Community Development that the employee tax increment financing program was a fundamental consideration in the applicant's decision to invest.

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