

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 5, 2000 to May 12, 2000**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**AUGUST 11, 2000**

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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**

**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.

**2000-01**

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND  
RURAL RESOURCES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Seed Potato Board**

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| All Other            | \$65,000 |
| Capital Expenditures | 35,000   |

Appropriates one-time funds for equipment, capital improvements and repairs at the Porter Nuclear Seed Facility. Funds appropriated for this purpose may not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

**DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE,  
FOOD AND RURAL  
RESOURCES**

|              |                  |
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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$100,000</b> |
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See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 94**

**S.P. 304 - L.D. 906**

**An Act to Improve Elver Fishery  
Management**

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

**Whereas,** the 2000 elver fishing season commences on March 22nd; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature's recent actions to limit effort in the elver fishery necessitate research, monitoring, reporting and enforcement activities; and

**Whereas,** it is important that the fishery be managed as a sustainable fishery; 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. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**2000-01**

**MARINE RESOURCES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Resource  
Management**

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| All Other | \$25,000 |
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Provides a one-time appropriation to support the operational costs of providing research and management of the elver fishery.

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

Effective May 10, 2000.

**CHAPTER 95**

**H.P. 397 - L.D. 528**

**An Act to Implement the  
Recommendations of the Task Force  
to Study the Need for an  
Ombudsman for the Department of  
Human Services and the Department  
of Mental Health, Mental  
Retardation and Substance Abuse  
Services Relating to the Department  
of Mental Health, Mental  
Retardation and Substance Abuse  
Services**

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

**Sec. 1. Review of child protective policy; rules.** By September 30, 2000, the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services shall review all policies governing child protective services for the purpose of determining those portions