

# 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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**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**

facilities in Cumberland County and Washington County.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 18**

**H.P. 195 - L.D. 273**

**Resolve, Requiring the  
Commissioner of Transportation to  
Report to the Joint Standing  
Committee on Transportation on  
Recreational Access to Water Bodies  
and Snowmobile Access Across  
Bridges**

**Sec. 1. Reports in 2001 and 2003. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Transportation shall report in writing to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters in February 2001 and February 2003 on the progress of interagency efforts to address the need for public and recreational access to water bodies at water crossings and properties adjacent to water and snowmobile access across bridges.

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**CHAPTER 19**

**S.P. 192 - L.D. 581**

**Resolve, to Ensure Proper Funding  
of the Public Utilities Commission**

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

**Whereas,** it is necessary that the Public Utilities Commission have sufficient funds to carry out its statutory obligations; 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

**Sec. 1. Use of unexpended funds. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 5, the Public Utilities Commission may expend in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01, for the purposes specified in Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 4, 100% of any unexpended funds remaining at the end

of the prior fiscal year. Treatment of funds not expended at the end of the 2000-01 fiscal year is governed by Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 5; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION</b>		
<b>Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund</b>		
Personal Services	\$86,950	\$91,300
All Other	(86,950)	(91,300)
Provides funds to continue a limited-period Utility Analyst position related to the gas industry expansion through the 2000-2001 biennium. This position was established by FO 02425 F9, which was approved on 8/18/98.		

<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$0

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

Effective May 4, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 20**

**H.P. 1543 - L.D. 2197**

**Resolve, for Laying of the County  
Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures  
of Kennebec County for the Year  
1999**

**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 and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective