

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2001**

D. After March 31st, a person may pay \$15 and receive a registration covering the remainder of the registration period plus one additional year.

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## CHAPTER 295

H.P. 104 - L.D. 108

### An Act to Expand the Number of Authorized High-stakes Beano and High-stakes Bingo Games

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Exception.** Notwithstanding subsection 3, an organization licensed under this section may operate high-stakes beano or high-stakes bingo games on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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## CHAPTER 296

H.P. 1055 - L.D. 1418

### An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Extend the Deer Hunting Season

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 16, Pt. G, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, sections 7102-A and 7107-A or by rule adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section, there is an open season for deer in each calendar year in all counties of the State between September 15th and December 15th annually. In any year that the regular season extends beyond November 30th, the regular season must start no later than the 4th Monday preceding Thanksgiving.

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## CHAPTER 297

S.P. 504 - L.D. 1591

### An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is \$4.25 \$5.15 per hour. Starting January 1, 2002, the minimum hourly wage is \$5.75 per hour. Starting January 1, 2003, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.25 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of \$4.25 per hour the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage must be under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed \$5.15 per hour the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1.00 per hour.

**Sec. 2. Regulation of employment poster.** The Department of Labor shall include notice of the change in the minimum wage in its next reprinting of the regulation of employment poster.

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## CHAPTER 298

H.P. 398 - L.D. 519

### An Act to Amend the Licensing Provisions for Private Investigators

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §8103, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 126, §2, is amended to read:

**1. Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §8105, sub-§5, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 126, §2, is amended to read:

E. Answers to the following questions:

(1) Are you currently under indictment or information for a crime for which the possible penalty is imprisonment for in excess of a period equal to or exceeding one year?