

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE**  
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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**  
**2001**

may not be implemented until at least 90 days after the date the quote is provided.

**Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §4222-B, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

**15.** Sections 2735-A and 2839-A, relating to notice of rate filings and rate increases, apply to health maintenance organizations.

**Sec. 9. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Bureau of Insurance</b>		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$47,880	\$63,840
All Other	13,335	15,780
Provides funds for one half-time Attorney position and one half-time Actuarial Assistant position and related administrative expenses associated with an expected increase in the number of rate hearings due to the requirement that an insurer notify policyholders of the right to request a rate hearing.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$61,215	\$79,620

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 433**

**S.P. 648 - L.D. 1826**

**An Act to Provide Dairy Farmer Equity**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3153, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. For any month in which there is only one Maine market dealer subject to collection under subsection 2, paragraph A and the milk sold or otherwise distributed by that dealer during that

month does not exceed 1,000,000 pounds, the additional payment at the adjusted base minimum price under subsection 2, paragraph A due to the Maine Milk Pool instead must be made by that dealer to its Maine market producers.

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**CHAPTER 434**

**S.P. 630 - L.D. 1812**

**An Act to Prevent Infestation of Invasive Aquatic Plants and to Control Other Invasive Species**

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

**Whereas,** invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species pose a substantive threat to the environment and economy of the State; and

**Whereas,** the most common method of spreading invasive aquatic plants is on recreational boats, watercraft trailers and fishing equipment; and

**Whereas,** Maine's inland waters face an immediate threat of infestation by invasive aquatic plants during the 2001 summer boating season; 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:**

**PART A**

**Sec. A-1. 12 MRSA §7791, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

**1-B. Aquatic plant.** "Aquatic plant" means a vascular plant species that requires a permanently flooded freshwater habitat.

**Sec. A-2. 12 MRSA §7791, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Invasive aquatic plant.** "Invasive aquatic plant" means a species of aquatic plant described in Title 38, section 410-N.

**Sec. A-3. 12 MRSA §§7794-B and 7794-C** are enacted to read: