

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 6, 2000 to June 22, 2001**

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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**

year and for increased operational costs for these positions.

**Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations**

Positions - Nonlegislative Count	(0,500)	(0,500)
Personal Services	\$24,103	\$25,308
All Other	5,000	5,000
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TOTAL	\$29,103	\$30,308

Allocates funds to fund one part-time Biologist I position and for increased operating costs for this position.

**DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE TOTAL**

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\$299,994		\$728,322

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TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$546,566	\$1,563,664

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

Effective June 20, 2001.

**CHAPTER 435**

**H.P. 644 - L.D. 844**

**An Act to Classify Employer-provided Medical Treatment as a Payment under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992**

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

**Sec. 1.** 39-A MRSA §306, sub-§2, ¶A is enacted to read:

A. The provision of medical care for an injury or illness by or under the supervision of a health care provider employed by, or under contract with, the employer is a payment of benefits with respect to that injury or illness if:

(1) Care was provided for that injury or illness on 6 or more occasions in the 12-month period after the initial treatment; and

(2) The employer or the health care provider knew or should have known that the injury or illness was work-related.

For the purposes of this paragraph, "health care provider" has the same meaning as provided in rules of the board.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to all injuries and illnesses, regardless of when they occurred.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 436**

**H.P. 1367 - L.D. 1824**

**An Act Related to the Suspension of Property Tax Abatement Appeals When the Taxpayer is Delinquent in Paying Taxes**

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

**Sec. 1.** 36 MRSA §843, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1995, c. 262, §4, is further amended to read:

**4. Payment requirements for taxpayers.** If the taxpayer has filed an appeal under this section without having paid an amount of current taxes equal to the amount of taxes paid in the next preceding tax year, provided that amount does not exceed the amount of taxes due in the current tax year, or the amount of taxes in the current tax year not in dispute, whichever is greater, by or after the due date or according to a payment schedule mutually agreed to in writing by the taxpayer and the municipal officers, the appeal process must be suspended until the taxes, together with any accrued interest and costs, have been paid. If an appeal is in process upon expiration of a due date or written payment schedule date for payment of taxes in a particular municipality, without the appropriate amount of taxes having been paid, whether the taxes are due for the year under appeal or a subsequent tax year, the appeal process must be suspended until the appropriate amount of taxes described in this subsection, together with any accrued interest and costs, has been paid. This section applies to any property tax ~~year beginning~~ appeal filed on or after April 1, 1993. This section does not apply to property with a valuation of less than \$500,000.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to appeals pending or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.