

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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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**

C. The instruction permit entitles the permittee, as long as the permit is in the permittee's immediate possession, to drive a school bus on a public way. The permit is valid for one year.

(1) The permittee must be accompanied by a licensed school bus operator who has at least one year of driving experience and is at least 22 years of age.

(2) The accompanying operator must occupy a seat in the immediate vicinity of the permittee and, except other persons who have been issued a school bus instruction permit, no other passengers may be allowed on the bus.

## PART K

**Sec. K-1. Task force to study municipal excise tax and other motor vehicle registration fees.** The Secretary of State shall appoint a task force that includes representation from the Maine Municipal Association to study the motor vehicle excise tax as well as other taxes and fees associated with the registration of a motor vehicle. The task force shall:

1. Evaluate the cumulative cost of all taxes and fees associated with motor vehicle registration as compared to taxes and fees assessed by other states;

2. Evaluate municipal reliance on the excise tax as a source of local revenue; and

3. Make a report of its recommendations and findings by January 15, 2002 to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which has the authority to report out legislation.

The Secretary of State shall reimburse members who are not otherwise compensated by their employers for travel expenses related to task force meetings. The Secretary of State shall provide necessary staff to the task force.

## PART L

**Sec. L-1. 29-A MRSA §2084, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 148, §5, is further amended to read:

**1. Night equipment.** A bicycle, motorized bicycle or tricycle, when in use in the nighttime, must have:

A. Lighted a front light that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front;

B. A red or amber light or reflector to the rear that is visible at least 200 feet to the rear; and

C. Reflector material on the pedals, unless the bicyclist is wearing reflective material on the feet or ankles.

~~A bicyclist must have reflector material on the foot or ankle.~~ A bicyclist may also use optional supplementary reflectors, lights or reflective or lighted safety equipment.

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

Effective June 21, 2001.

## CHAPTER 441

### H.P. 784 - L.D. 1028

#### An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 2000 with the United States Internal Revenue Code

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

Whereas, the 90-day period would delay the processing of the year 2000 income tax returns; and

Whereas, legislative action is immediately necessary to ensure continued and efficient administration of the Maine income tax law and certain other state taxes; 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. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 548, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Code.** "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, ~~1999~~ 2000.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000.

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

Effective June 22, 2001.