

# 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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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2002**

**Whereas**, the services are for public safety purposes and there is a definite need to provide those services uninterrupted because the State Police receives numerous and continuing requests to provide services; 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. 25 MRSA §1502, 4th ¶**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 653, §1, is further amended to read:

Upon the request of a federal agency or other person, the State Police may provide assistance for public safety purposes only to the federal agency or other person. The Chief of the State Police may charge the various federal agencies or other persons for these services. Revenues received from these agencies and other persons must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services. ~~Beginning January 2001 and annually thereafter, the~~ The State Police shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters no later than January 15th of each year concerning the assistance provided to federal agencies and other persons during the previous calendar year. The report must contain information about the types of services provided, the number of services and the fees charged by the Chief of the State Police. ~~This paragraph is repealed July 30, 2002.~~

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

Effective February 21, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 484**

**H.P. 1412 - L.D. 1856**

**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Governmental Unit" as It Relates to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5903, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6, c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**6. Governmental unit.** "Governmental unit" means any county, municipality, School Administrative District, community school district or other quasi-municipal corporation within the State, including any corporation owned entirely by a municipality and providing water, sewer or electric service or performing other essential governmental functions.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 485**

**S.P. 679 - L.D. 1881**

**An Act to Reduce Administration in the Right-of-way Process of the Department of Transportation**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §153-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 272, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Survey and appraisal.** When property is to be purchased or taken over and held for the State, unless the department determines that an adequate description already exists, the department shall first cause the property or interest in the property to be acquired to be surveyed and described, and a plan of the property made, and to be appraised by one or more appraisers. The owner or the owner's designated representative must be given an opportunity to accompany the appraisers during the appraiser's inspection of the property. All persons employed by the department are authorized, to the extent necessary for surveys, appraisals and preliminary engineering, to enter and cross all lands within, adjoining and adjacent to the area proposed for acquisition in carrying out the objectives of this section. The department may prescribe procedures to waive the appraisal in cases involving the acquisition by sale or donation of property or interest in property. The department may prescribe procedures to waive the appraisal in cases in which the fair market value of the property or interest in the property to be taken is estimated at ~~\$5,000~~ \$15,000 or less and valuation can be established by another method. In any case in which the department and the owner do not reach an agreement about the value of property or interest in property to be acquired, or if the owner requests, the department shall perform an appraisal.

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