

# 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**  
**2002**

**§5219-R. Credit for rehabilitation of historic properties**

A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this Part equal to the amount of credit claimed by the taxpayer for the taxable year under Section 47 of the Code with respect to expenditures incurred after December 31, 1999 for a certified historic structure located in the State. The credit is nonrefundable and is limited to \$100,000 annually per taxpayer. A credit received under this section is subject to the same recapture provisions as apply to a credit received under Section 47 of the Code and to any available federal carry-back or carry-forward provisions.

**Sec. 6. Application.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 141, subsection 2, paragraph A applies to assessments made on or after the effective date of this Act. That section of this Act that amends Title 36, section 5219-R applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 527**

S.P. 678 - L.D. 1880

**An Act to Reduce Identity Theft by  
Regulating Electronically Printed  
Credit Card and Debit Card Receipts**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 202-D** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 202-D****CREDIT CARD AND DEBIT CARD RECEIPTS****§1149. Electronically printed credit card and debit card receipts**

**1. Electronically printed receipts.** Except as provided in this section, a person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or limited liability company that accepts credit cards or debit cards for the transaction of business may not print more than the last 5 digits of the credit card or debit card account number or may not print the expiration date of the credit card or debit card on a receipt provided to a cardholder.

**2. Exception.** This section applies only to receipts that are electronically printed and does not apply to transactions in which the sole means of recording the cardholder's credit card or debit card

account number is by handwriting or by an imprint or copy of the credit card or debit card.

**3. Forfeiture; civil penalty.** A person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or limited liability company that violates this section is subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$250 for the first violation and a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. A forfeiture or civil penalty may not be assessed for a violation of this section if the person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or limited liability company demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has adopted procedures reasonably designed to avoid errors and that the violation was unintentional and resulted from a bona fide error.

**4. Effective date.** This section takes effect January 1, 2004.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 528**

H.P. 1500 - L.D. 2003

**An Act to Prepare Residential  
Electricity Customers for  
Competitive Electricity Markets in  
Maine**

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

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to allow adequate time to prepare for the possible end of standard-offer electricity 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. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

**4. Implementation period and investigation.** Standard-offer service must be available until March 1, 2005. By ~~January 1, 2004~~ August 1, 2002, the commission shall begin an investigation to determine whether the continued availability of standard-offer service is necessary and in the public interest and, if so, how best to make such service available after