

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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tion utilities for constructing and maintaining additional infrastructure that the commission determines necessary to ensure the security and robustness of the grid in underserved areas of the State. In conducting its investigation, in addition to any other issues the commission determines appropriate, the commission shall consider:

1. Rate design mechanisms that encourage efficiency in electric use, provide incentives for the development of new energy-efficient business activity in the State and take into account the costs and benefits of energy efficiency and conservation to existing business activity in the State;
2. Financial and other incentives for transmission and distribution utilities or their customers that may support the goals of this section;
3. The impact of achieving the goals of this section on the revenues and rates of return of transmission and distribution utilities;
4. Methods available pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, sections 3195 and 3211-A to accomplish the purposes of this section;
5. The impact of achieving the goals of this section on transmission and distribution utility rate levels and rate stability; and
6. The impact of electricity generation and consumption on air and water quality.

By February 1, 2004, the commission shall submit a report of the results of its investigation under this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 220**

**S.P. 487 - L.D. 1459**

**An Act To Bring the State into  
Conformity with the National  
Organic Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 103, sub-c. 1-A** is amended by repealing the subchapter headnote and enacting the following in its place:

**SUBCHAPTER 1-A**

**LABELING OF WATER**

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §551**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 329, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §552**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by Pt. B, §80, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §553**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 756, §§1 and 2, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §§554 and 555**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 240, §§1 and 2, are repealed.

**Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §556**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 57, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §557**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §19, is repealed.

**Sec. 8. 7 MRSA §§558, 560 and 561**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 240, §§1 and 2, are repealed.

**Sec. 9. 7 MRSA §562-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 57, §4, is amended to read:

**2. Violation notices.** The department shall issue notices to ~~growers, manufacturers or sellers~~ bottlers and distributors alleged to have violated any provision of this subchapter. A person who violates this subchapter commits a civil violation for which a ~~forfeiture fine~~ fine not to exceed \$1,000 may be adjudged. The department may also recover costs of investigation, with the limitation that the total ~~forfeiture fine and costs~~ fine assessed for a violation may not exceed \$1,000.

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**CHAPTER 221**

**H.P. 856 - L.D. 1159**

**An Act To Reduce Mercury Use in  
Measuring Devices and Switches**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1661, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

**3-A. Mercury relay.** "Mercury relay" means a mercury-added product or device that opens or closes electrical contacts to effect the operation of other devices in the same or another electrical circuit. "Mercury relay" includes mercury displacement