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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Penmor Lithographers
Lewiston, Maine
2003

Initiative: Allocates funds for one Attorney position and operating costs necessary to staff the Maine Motor Vehicle Franchise Board.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$51,188	\$74,057
All Other	\$13,788	\$10,488
Capital Expenditures	\$15,297	\$0
Other Special Revenue		
Funds Total	\$80,273	\$84,545

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 357

H.P. 1044 - L.D. 1425

An Act Relating to the Protection of Whistleblowers

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §833, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 782, §4, is amended to read:

D. The employee acting in good faith, has refused to carry out a directive to engage in activity that would be a violation of a law or rule adopted under the laws of this State, a political subdivision of this State or the United States or that would expose the employee or any individual to a condition that would result in serious injury or death, after having sought and been unable to obtain a correction of the illegal activity or dangerous condition from the employer.

Sec. 2. Printing of poster. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 42-B, the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards is not required to modify and redistribute the printed notice required by that section to reflect the changes in the laws resulting from this Act. The Bureau of Labor Standards shall modify the printed notice to reflect the changes contained in this Act when it becomes necessary to print additional notices due to an insufficient supply of such notices or future changes in the laws.

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CHAPTER 358

H.P. 1028 - L.D. 1401

An Act To Provide the Office of the State Fire Marshal with Adequate Funding for Construction Plans Review

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2450, as amended by PL 1997, c. 728, §24, is further amended to read:

§2450. Examinations by Department of Public Safety

The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt, in accordance with requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, a schedule of fees for the examination of all plans for construction, reconstruction or repairs submitted to the Department of Public Safety. ~~A fee charged pursuant to this section~~ The fee schedule for new construction or new use is 5¢ per square foot for occupied spaces and 2¢ per square foot for bulk storage occupancies, except that a fee for review of a plan for new construction by a public school may not exceed \$450. The fee schedule for reconstruction, repairs or renovations is based on the cost of the project and may not exceed \$450. The fees must be credited to a special revenue account to defray expenses in carrying out this section. Any balance of the fees may not lapse, but must be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purpose in the following fiscal years.

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CHAPTER 359

H.P. 1042 - L.D. 1423

An Act To Facilitate the Implementation, Maintenance and Operation of the E-9-1-1 Emergency System

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2921, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 566, §2, is amended to read:

2-A. Bureau. "Bureau" means the Emergency Services Communication Bureau ~~in~~ within the ~~Department of Public Safety~~ Public Utilities Commission, which is responsible for the statewide implementation and management of E-9-1-1.