

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
August 21, 2003 to August 22, 2003

The General Effective Date For
First Special Session
Non-Emergency Laws Is
November 22, 2003

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 7, 2004 to January 30, 2004

The General Effective Date For
Second Regular Session
Non-Emergency Laws Is
April 30, 2004

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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Second Special Session
Non-Emergency Laws Is
July 30, 2004

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

Penmor Lithographers
Lewiston, Maine
2004

privilege outlined in Title 5, section 48 ~~48-A~~, subsection ~~4~~ 5.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior, District & Administrative 0063

Initiative: Provides for the transfer of funds from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 for the purpose of funding American Sign Language interpreting and computer-assisted real-time transcription for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing who appear before the courts.

General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	\$80,000
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General Fund Total	\$0	\$80,000

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2003-04	2004-05
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$80,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$80,000

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides for the transfer of funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 for the purpose of funding American Sign Language interpreting and computer-assisted real-time transcription for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing who appear before the courts.

General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	(\$80,000)
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General Fund Total	\$0	(\$80,000)

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2003-04	2004-05
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$80,000)
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$80,000)

SECTION TOTALS

	2003-04	2004-05
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
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SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 686

H.P. 1316 - L.D. 1794

**An Act To Expand Maine's
Homestead Exemption for the Blind**

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §654, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1995, c. 545, §1, is further amended to read:

E. The residential real estate up to the just value of \$4,000 of inhabitants of Maine who are legally blind as determined by a properly licensed Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Optometry. The exemption provided by this paragraph also applies to residential real estate held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of and occupied as a permanent residence by such a person; and

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CHAPTER 687

H.P. 1342 - L.D. 1820

**An Act To Establish the Gambling
Control Board To License and
Regulate Slot Machines at
Commercial Harness Racing Tracks**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §10004, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Gambling. The action is based on a violation of laws or rules at gambling facilities that are cited by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board, established pursuant to Title 8, chapter 31, or the Gambling Control Board or its designees