

# 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**  
**February 3, 2004 to April 30, 2004**

**The General Effective Date For**  
**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.**

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2004**

**CHAPTER 52****S.P. 771 - L.D. 1937****An Act To Appropriate Funds to the  
Maine Potato Board for the Purchase  
of Potatoes in Need of Disposal Due  
to Weather Conditions during the  
Harvest in 2003**

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

**Whereas,** it is important that potatoes that are rotting due to poor weather during the harvest in 2003 be disposed of as soon as possible; 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. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE POTATO BOARD****Potato Board 0429**

Initiative: Appropriates funds to purchase from farmers table stock potatoes that are rotting due to poor weather during the harvest in 2003 and are in need of disposal at the rate of \$1.50 per hundred-weight.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
All Other	\$750,000	\$0
General Fund Total	\$750,000	\$0

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

Effective May 11, 2004.

**CHAPTER 53****H.P. 222 - L.D. 279****An Act To Support the Regional  
Library System**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MAINE STATE LIBRARY****Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides funds for area reference and resource centers designated by the State Librarian under the direction of the Maine Library Commission to achieve goals such as direct free access to district residents, interlibrary loan service, reference service and telecommunications services and such other cooperative activities as member libraries may need.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
General Fund Total	\$0	\$100,000

See title page for effective date.