

# 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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**Non-Emergency Laws Is**  
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**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

**CHAPTER 144**

**H.P. 1466 - L.D. 1962**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 23: Standards for Timber Harvesting To Substantially Eliminate Liquidation Harvesting, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Conservation**

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 23: Standards for Timber Harvesting to Substantially Eliminate Liquidation Harvesting, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Conservation that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the rule is modified to include all changes in the revised rule prepared by the Maine Forest Service, dated April 27, 2004 and submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on April 26, 2004 and in addition is modified as follows:

1. The definitions section of the finally adopted rule must define "rare natural community" instead of "rare and exemplary natural community," and the definition of "threatened and endangered species" must clarify that plant species are listed by the Maine Natural Areas Program.

2. The exemptions section of the rule, Sec. 5, must be amended in paragraphs E and G for the purpose of allowing these exemptions to apply to landowners with less than 100 acres of forest land statewide and on parcels containing less than 20 acres of forest land, respectively.

The Commissioner of Conservation is not required to hold hearings or conduct other formal proceedings prior to finally adopting the rule in accordance with this resolve. At the time of final adoption, the commissioner shall make available to the public a document that allows comparison of the rule provisionally adopted on April 14, 2004 and the rule authorized and finally adopted in accordance with this resolve.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 145**

**S.P. 350 - L.D. 1021**

**Resolve, To Renew the Veterans' Emergency Assistance Program**

**Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to administer veterans' emer-**

**gency assistance program for fiscal year 2003-04. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall administer the veterans' emergency assistance program for fiscal year 2003-04 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 1-A, paragraph B; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services**

Initiative: Appropriates funds from the General Fund to administer the emergency assistance program.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
All Other	\$0	\$50,000
General Fund Total	\$0	\$50,000

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 146**

**H.P. 1307 - L.D. 1785**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Estate in Presque Isle, Known as the "Aroostook Residential Center"**

**Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That, as used in this resolve, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

2. "State property" means the real estate described in section 3 with the buildings and improvements, together with all appurtenant rights and easements, and all personal property located on that property, including vehicles, machinery, equipment and supplies; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Authority to convey property. Resolved:** That the State, by and through the commissioner, may:

1. Enter into a lease or leases or convey by sale the interests of the State in the state property;