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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

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Second Special Session
Non-Emergency Laws Is
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PREFACE

The 2003 edition of the Laws of Maine is the official publication of the Session Laws of the State of Maine enacted by the 121st Legislature and is compiled and published under the authority of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 163-A. The Laws of Maine has been in continuous publication since 1820, when the Acts and Resolves adopted by the First Legislature were published by the Secretary of State under the authority of Resolve 1820, chapter 25.

Volume 3 contains the public laws, private and special laws, resolves, constitutional resolutions and joint study orders enacted at the First Special Session, the Second Regular Session and the Second Special Session of the 121st Legislature, followed by the 2003 Revisor's Report, chapter 1 and a selection of significant addresses, joint resolutions and memorials.

Volumes 1 and 2 were published at the conclusion of the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature and contain legislation enacted during that session.

The following conventions are used throughout the series.

1. At the top of each page is a heading that indicates the individual classification of each law, the year and session of passage and its chapter number.
2. A table of contents that locates major divisions and contents by page reference is located at the beginning of each volume.
3. An individual subject index of the documents contained in this volume, arranged alphabetically by subject headings with corresponding chapter numbers, is located at the end of this volume.
4. Session cross-reference tables are also provided at the end of this volume to show how unallocated public laws, laws exempted in previous revisions, and Titles and sections of the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.
5. When a word or phrase is deleted from the statutes, it is shown stricken through. When an entire section or larger segment is repealed, the text that is repealed is not shown stricken but its repeal is indicated by express language.
6. When new words or sections are added to the statutes, they are underlined.
7. Citations to a Legislative Document are printed beneath the chapter number heading to assist in locating the original source of each chapter.
8. The effective date for Maine laws is provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, which specifies that, except for certain emergency legislation, an act or resolve enacted into law takes effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it passed. The general effective dates of nonemergency laws passed at the sessions of the 121st Legislature included in this volume are found on the first page of this volume. The effective dates of emergency legislation vary and are provided at the end of the chapters that were enacted as emergencies.

Copies of a specific chaptered law may be obtained by contacting the Engrossing Division of this office. The Laws of Maine are also available online through the web site of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/ros/lom/lomdirectory.htm>.

This edition of the Laws of Maine and its predecessors have been prepared for the convenience of the people of the State of Maine, and any comments or suggestions for improvements in subsequent editions would be appreciated.

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