# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

### STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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

Whereas, Maine's golf courses will lose the opportunity to realize significant economic gain from new laws that allow mobile service carts to serve beer on golf courses unless this Act takes effect prior to this year's golf season; 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. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 579, §1, is amended to read:
- **4. Golf course mobile service bar.** A licensee who is the owner of a golf course may apply for a license to sell malt liquor from a mobile service bar as provided in section 1075-A. The license fee per calendar year is \$100.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2006.

- **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1075, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 579, §2, is amended to read:
- 2. Sales for consumption on slopes or courses prohibited. This section does not permit a ski area to sell liquor for consumption on the slopes away from the licensed area. Except as provided in section 1075-A, a golf course may not sell liquor for consumption on the course away from the licensed area.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2006.

- **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1075, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 579, §3, is repealed.
- **Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 579, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
  - B. The licensee does not possess or permit possession, sale or consumption of any malt liquor on the golf course other than that which is permitted and purchased by the licensee in accordance with the license or licenses granted;
- **Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 579, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**4. Revocation and suspension of license.** A licensee who holds a license issued by the bureau under this section and any other licenses that that licensee holds to sell liquor for on-premises consumption are subject to chapter 33 to the same extent as are other on-premises licensees.

**Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 579, §4, is repealed.

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

Effective May 13, 2005.

#### **CHAPTER 109**

S.P. 216 - L.D. 680

#### An Act To Provide for the Efficient Administration of Scholarship Resources

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

Whereas, the ability of students of this State to attend institutions of higher education may be adversely affected if financial assistance is not available at the beginning of the academic year; 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. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§2,** ¶**F,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. D, §11, is amended to read:
  - F. Two percent of the total gross slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund created in Title 20-A, section 11631 10909;
- Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §10909 is enacted to read:

#### §10909. University of Maine System Scholarship Fund

The University of Maine System Scholarship Fund is created and established as a nonlapsing fund under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System. All revenues credited to this fund must be distributed as need-based scholarships for students attending the University of Maine System. These scholarships may be awarded only to those students who are residents of the State. The fund may not be used for the costs of administering the scholarships. Fees credited from the University of Maine System registration plate pursuant to Title 29-A, section 456 may not be distributed as scholarships to students attending the University of Maine.

- Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA c. 419-B, as amended, is repealed.
- **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §456, sub-§2,** ¶**A,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:
  - A. Fourteen dollars to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund established in Title 20-A, section 11631 10909; and
- **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §456, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §18, is amended to read:
  - A. Fourteen dollars to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund established in Title 20-A, section 11631 10909; and
- **Sec. 6. Transfer of funds.** All funds remaining in the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund held by the Finance Authority of Maine must be transferred to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be deposited on July 1, 2005 in the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund created in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10909.
- **Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

#### **University of Maine Scholarship Fund (NEW)**

Initiative: Allocates funds due to the transfer of the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund and the administration of the scholarship program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.

#### OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE

FUNDS All Other	<b>2005-06</b> \$137,015	<b>2006-07</b> \$2,119,144
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$137,015	\$2,119,144

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
OTHER SPECIAL REVE FUNDS	NUE \$137,015	\$2,119,144
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$137,015	\$2,119,144

#### FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

#### Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

Initiative: Deallocates funds due to the transfer of the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund and the administration of the scholarship program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		
FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	(\$137,015)	(\$2,119,144)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		
FUNDS TOTAL	(\$137,015)	(\$2,119,144)
FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAI	NE	
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
OTHER SPECIAL REVENU	J <b>E</b>	
FUNDS	(\$137,015)	(\$2,119,144)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL -		
ALL FUNDS	(\$137,015)	(\$2,119,144)
SECTION TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
OTHER SPECIAL REVENU	J <b>E</b>	
FUNDS	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

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

Effective May 13, 2005.

#### **CHAPTER 110**

H.P. 300 - L.D. 397

#### An Act To Promote the More Efficient Use of Natural Gas

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4711 is enacted to read:

#### §4711. Conservation programs

1. Programs. In accordance with rules adopted by the commission, each natural gas utility in the State that serves 5,000 or more residential consumers shall offer cost-effective conservation programs designed to promote the efficient use of natural gas. In determining whether a program is cost-effective, the commis-