

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 1, 2004 to March 30, 2005**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 4, 2005 to June 18, 2005**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 29, 2005**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2005**

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

---

---

**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2005**

and distribution utility service territory they reside in, the commission shall by rule establish an equitable-treatment program consistent with this subsection.

A. The equitable-treatment program must be available to any person who:

(1) Is eligible for benefits under the transmission and distribution utility's low-income assistance program established in accordance with subsection 2; and

(2) Provides documentation from a doctor that the person for health reasons needs an oxygen pump at least 8 hours each day.

B. The equitable-treatment program must be designed to ensure that the low-income assistance benefits provided under this section to persons who qualify under paragraph A mitigate, to an extent that is reasonably equivalent in each transmission and distribution utility territory, electric charges associated with the operation of an oxygen pump. The commission may not reduce any assistance provided under any low-income assistance program established under subsection 2 in order to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

C. The commission shall establish an administratively simple and inexpensive method of administering the equitable-treatment program.

D. Reasonable costs incurred by a transmission and distribution utility in implementing any program established by the commission under this subsection are just and reasonable expenses for rate-making purposes.

E. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 133**

**H.P. 578 - L.D. 813**

**An Act To Make Technical Changes in Laws Relating to Conservation**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8611, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §40, is further amended to read:

**2. Natural resource educator.** The director shall employ a natural resource educator to develop

and coordinate natural resource education, workshops and training opportunities for school-age children, forest landowners, forest products harvesters and forest managers. ~~Specifically, this person shall:~~

~~A. Work with the Department of Education and organizations to integrate forestry and forest science programs into the science curricula in public schools; and~~

~~B. Establish a program for continuing education courses in timber harvesting equipment operation, safety and basic forest management skills.~~

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8701,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 21, §§1 to 3, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §8883-A,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 242, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 242, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Imports and exports.** Persons, firms, corporations or companies selling forest products out of the State or buying forest products to bring into the State shall submit an annual report to the director of the bureau during the month of January for the forest products sold out of the State or brought into the State. The report must also identify the origin of imported forest products by state or country, the county in the State in which exported forest products were harvested and the destination of exported forest products by state or country.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §8886, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 720, §18, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 134**

**S.P. 183 - L.D. 574**

**An Act To Amend Provisions of the Submerged Lands Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1801, sub-§9, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:

A. All land from the mean low-water mark or a maximum of 1,650 feet seaward of the mean high-water mark, whichever is closer to the mean high-water mark, out to the seaward boundary of ~~eastern~~ territorial waters as defined in section 6001;