

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**  
**2005**

A. Provide that any person indicating an inability to pay all or part of taxes that have been assessed because of poverty or infirmity ~~shall~~ be informed of the right to make application under this subsection;

B. Assist individuals in making application for abatement;

C. Make available application forms for requesting an abatement based on poverty or infirmity and provide that those forms contain notice that a written decision ~~shall~~ will be made within 30 days of the date of application;

D. Provide that persons are given the opportunity to apply for an abatement during normal business hours;

E. Provide that all applications, information submitted in support of the application, files and communications relating to an application for abatement and the determination on the application for abatement ~~shall be~~ are confidential. Hearings and proceedings held pursuant to this subsection ~~shall~~ must be in executive session;

F. Provide to any person applying for abatement under this subsection, notice in writing of their decision within 30 days of application; and

G. Provide that any decision made under this subsection ~~shall~~ include the specific reason or reasons for the decision and ~~shall~~ inform the applicant of the right to appeal and the procedure for requesting an appeal.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §943-A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 364, §2, is amended to read:

**§943-A. Application for abatement**

Beginning with taxes that are assessed after April 1, ~~1985~~ 2005, each notice under ~~section~~ sections 942 and 1281 ~~which that~~ is sent by a municipality or the State Tax Assessor to a person ~~against whom on whose primary residence~~ taxes have been assessed; ~~shall~~ must contain a statement that that person may apply for an abatement of those taxes if the person cannot pay the taxes that have been assessed because of poverty or infirmity.

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**CHAPTER 170**

**S.P. 12 - L.D. 13**

**An Act To Amend the Laws  
Governing Commercial Vehicle  
Length Limits**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 753, §6, is further amended to read:

C. A trailer or semitrailer may be greater than 45 feet but not more than 48 feet in structural length ~~provided that only if~~ the distance between the center of the rearmost axle of the truck tractor and the center of the rearmost axle of the trailer or semitrailer does not exceed 38 feet.

The overall length of the combination of truck tractor and trailer or semitrailer in this paragraph may not exceed 69 feet, including all structural parts of the vehicle, permanent or temporary, and any load carried on or in the vehicle, including any rear overhang.

The interaxle distance and overall combination vehicle length maximum limits required by this paragraph do not apply on the Interstate Highway System and those qualifying federal aid primary system highways designated by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, pursuant to the United States Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, Public Law 97-424, Section 411.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 166, §§15 and 16 and c. 253, §4 and affected by §5, is further amended by amending the first paragraph to read:

J. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a single semitrailer whose total structural length exceeds 48 feet but does not exceed 53 feet may be operated in combination with a truck tractor on a highway network and access system designated by the Commissioner of Transportation if the following conditions are met.

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