

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

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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**  
**2007**

E. An entity may not hold itself out to be a provider of emergency medical dispatch services unless it is licensed as an emergency medical dispatch center.

**4. Licensing actions.** A ~~certification license~~ license issued pursuant to this section is ~~deemed a license for the purposes~~ subject to the provisions of sections 90-A and 91-A. Before the board or its subcommittee or staff takes any final action to suspend or revoke a ~~certification license~~ or to refuse to reissue a ~~certification license~~, the board shall contact the bureau for input on the effect of such an action on the E-9-1-1 system and, notwithstanding section 92, may, to the extent necessary for this purpose, disclose to the bureau information that is designated as confidential under section 92.

**5. Effect on tort claims.** Nothing in this section increases any liability that may arise or be limited under Title 14, chapter 741.

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

Effective April 10, 2007.

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**CHAPTER 43**

**H.P. 647 - L.D. 848**

**An Act To Encourage Greater  
Public Input into the State  
Environmental Licensing  
Process**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §345-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Public meetings.** At the board's or commissioner's discretion, the board or commissioner may schedule and hold public meetings in the geographic area of a proposed project for the purpose of collecting comments that become part of the record in a pending action. Any such meeting must be held during the period when written public comments may be submitted to the department. This subsection and the conduct of a public meeting do not change any other obligation the department has to hold public hearings that are mandatory by statute or required after a timely request is filed.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 44**

**H.P. 135 - L.D. 153**

**An Act To Improve the  
Control and Prevention of  
Invasive Plant Infestations**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §2, is further amended to read:

C. All revenues collected under the provisions of this Part relating to watercraft, including chapter 935, including fines, fees and other available money deposited with the Treasurer of State, must be distributed as undedicated revenue to the General Fund and the Department of Marine Resources according to an allocation rate that directly relates to the administrative costs of the Division of Licensing and Registration. Three dollars of each motorized watercraft registration is dedicated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and is not subject to the split with another agency as required under this paragraph. The Legislature shall appropriate to the department in each fiscal year an amount equal to the administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting revenue under this subsection. Those costs must be verified by the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The allocation rate must also allow for any necessary year-end reconciliation and accounting distribution. The allocation rate must be jointly agreed to by the department and the Department of Marine Resources and approved by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget.

The fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$10 fee for invasive species prevention and control. This fee is disposed of as follows:

(1) Sixty percent of the fee must be credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established within the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 1863; and

(2) Forty percent of the fee must be credited to the Lake and River Protection Fund established within the department under section 10257.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§8, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §38, is further amended to read: