

# 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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**January 2, 2008 to March 31, 2008**

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**April 1, 2008 to April 18, 2008**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 30, 2008**

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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 18, 2008**

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

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2008**

deeper than 4 feet at any point and is in place prior to the children's entering the water;

4. Children 8 years of age and under wear a life jacket in the water; and

5. Children over 8 years of age have had swimming lessons and can demonstrate the ability to swim, or must wear a life jacket.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must be adopted and in effect no later than June 1, 2008; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Notice regarding water activities.**

**Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules that require a family child care provider or child care facility that offers water activities without a lifeguard on duty to provide written notice to the parent or guardian of every child who participates in water activities that there will not be a lifeguard on duty.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

Effective April 14, 2008.

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**CHAPTER 200**

**S.P. 771 - L.D. 1977**

**Resolve, To Establish a  
Statewide Protocol for the  
Early Detection and Treatment  
of Autism**

**Sec. 1. Work group. Resolved:** That the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene an interdepartmental work group to develop and establish a uniform statewide protocol for screening children from 18 to 30 months of age for signs of autism, to examine models that meet criteria for evidence-based clinical trials to support individual young children with the diagnosis of autism served through the Child Development Services System and to examine the interdepartmental system for capacity and service availability. The interdepartmental work group shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and health and human services matters by January 15, 2009. The joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and health and human services matters may submit legisla-

tion to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 201**

**S.P. 904 - L.D. 2275**

**Resolve, Authorizing the  
Creation of a Veterans Campus  
and the Conveyance of the  
State's Interest in Certain Real  
Property in the City of Bangor**

**Preamble.** Whereas, the proportion of veterans in Maine's population consistently is among the highest in the nation, the 2000 Federal Census estimated that nearly 155,000 veterans live in Maine and approximately 16% of the State's population over 18 years of age is composed of veterans; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Veterans' Homes was created by this State to provide long-term nursing care to Maine veterans pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, chapter 11, and the Veterans Housing Coalition of Maine is a nonprofit organization incorporated in this State for the purpose of providing residential housing for veterans in need; and

**Whereas,** a diverse committee of stakeholders, including veterans' representatives, municipal officials, state officials, current campus occupants and Saxl Park committee members, has achieved unanimous agreement on a set of recommendations reflected in this resolve to create a veterans' campus of diverse services on a site in Bangor, which currently is part of the overall Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center campus; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Veterans' Homes currently operates a 120-bed skilled nursing facility and a 30-bed residential care facility for veterans on a 15-acre parcel of land on a portion of the grounds of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, which land was donated by this State in 1994; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Veterans' Homes now intends to play a lead role in construction of an integrated veterans' campus, including a veterans' community-based outpatient clinic that is anticipated to be operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a veterans' hospice to be operated by the Maine Veterans' Homes and offices for the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services located within the community-based outpatient clinic, on land adjacent to the existing Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility at Bangor; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Veterans' Homes currently occupies almost all of its existing 15-acre parcel on the grounds of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and will require approximately 8.21 additional acres of