

# 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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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2009**

Maine Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special veterans registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

Upon request the Secretary of State shall issue special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates. These plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. Vanity plates issued under this subsection may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

The surviving spouse of a recipient of a special veterans registration plate issued in accordance with this subsection may retain and display the plate as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plate on a motorcycle, but may retain it as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the plate, but may not use it on a motorcycle.

The Secretary of State may not issue special commemorative decals under subsection 5 or 6 for use on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

**Sec. 3. Special veterans registration plates; inventory; applicants who qualify for a special veterans registration plate and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces.** The Secretary of State is not required to purchase or manufacture additional special veterans registration plates if demand by applicants who qualify for special veterans registration plates exceeds the annual supply of special veterans registration plates. If the demand exceeds the annual supply of special veterans registration plates, the Secretary of State shall maintain a waiting list of those who qualify for special veterans registration plates and shall issue plates at the earliest date on which plates are available.

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**CHAPTER 81**

**H.P. 517 - L.D. 758**

**An Act To Allow  
Municipalities and Counties To  
Require Bartender Training  
for Liquor Licensees**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 592, §3, is further amended to read:

E. A violation of any provision of this Title; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 592, §4, is amended to read:

F. A determination by the municipal officers or county commissioners that the purpose of the application is to circumvent the provisions of section 601-; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. After September 1, 2010, server training, in a program certified by the bureau and required by local ordinance, has not been completed by individuals who serve alcoholic beverages.

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**CHAPTER 82**

**S.P. 384 - L.D. 1020**

**An Act To End Discrimination  
in Civil Marriage and Affirm  
Religious Freedom**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §650**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 65, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §650-A** is enacted to read:

**§650-A. Codification of marriage**

Marriage is the legally recognized union of 2 people. Gender-specific terms relating to the marital relationship or familial relationships, including, but not limited to, "spouse," "family," "marriage," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," "bride," "groom," "husband," "wife," "widow" and "widower," must be construed to be gender-neutral for all purposes throughout the law, whether in the context of statute, administrative or court rule, policy, common law or any other source of civil law.

**Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §650-B** is enacted to read:

**§650-B. Recognition of marriage licensed and certified in another jurisdiction**

A marriage of a same-sex couple that is validly licensed and certified in another jurisdiction is recognized for all purposes under the laws of this State.