

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2009

B. The calculation used to arrive at the uncollectible amount of surcharge;

C. The total surcharge;

D. The month and year for which surcharge is remitted;

E. The legal name of company and telephone number and, if applicable, the parent company name, address and telephone number; and

F. The preparer's name and telephone number.

Prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharges collected by sellers must be remitted to the Treasurer of State in accordance with subsection 1-F, paragraph G.

Sec. 13. Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds; Public Utilities Commission. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before October 1, 2009 the State Controller shall transfer \$10,000 from the Public Utilities Commission E-9-1-1 fund to the Bureau of Revenue Services, Internal Services Fund account established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 114.

Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Revenue Services Fund 0885

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation of \$10,000 to Maine Revenue Services for computer programming changes and also provides an allocation for other administrative costs to be reimbursed through retention of 2% of telecommunications prepaid wireless fees collected for the Public Utilities Commission.

BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$10,880	\$1,720
BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$10,880	\$1,720

Sec. 15. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

Effective January 1, 2010.

CHAPTER 401 H.P. 301 - L.D. 413

An Act To Clarify Land Use Regulation in Unorganized and Deorganized Townships

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §681, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 569, §1, is further amended to read:

~~In addition, the~~ The Legislature declares it to be in the public interest, for the public benefit ~~and, for the good order of the people of this State and for the benefit of the property owners and residents of the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State, to encourage the well-planned well-planned and well-managed well-managed~~ multiple use of land and resources ~~and~~. The Legislature acknowledges the importance of these areas in the continued vitality of the State and to local economies. Finally, the Legislature desires to encourage the appropriate use of these lands by the residents of Maine and visitors, in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and camping.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 402 H.P. 994 - L.D. 1418

An Act To Preserve Home Ownership and Stabilize the Economy by Preventing Unnecessary Foreclosures

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the State's rate of mortgages in foreclosure is rising to unprecedented levels, both for prime and subprime mortgages; and

Whereas, foreclosures are expected to continue in the State because homeowners will not be able to afford payments due to rising adjustable mortgage payments, rising unemployment and job loss; and

Whereas, homeowners are expected to have continued problems selling their properties at the value of their mortgages due to falling housing prices; and

Whereas, foreclosures contribute to the decline in the State's housing market, loss of property values and loss of tax revenues; and

Whereas, the number of foreclosure actions in the courts is rapidly increasing and the current system for resolving foreclosure actions is creating a burden on the court system; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preserva-