

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**2009**

ment to transport materials to or from the site. A person who leases such an item of equipment from a person in the leasing business, other than the hiring agent or an affiliate of the hiring agent, is regarded as the owner for the purposes of this paragraph. A truck with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 7,000 pounds qualifies as an item of equipment under this paragraph.

**3. Penalties.** A person who is required to but fails to secure the payment of compensation with respect to persons deemed to be that person's employees under this section is subject to the penalties under section 324, subsection 3.

**4. Insurer referral obligation.** An insurer that believes in good faith that an insured employer withheld from it or from the State Tax Assessor records of payments to a person deemed to be the person's employee under this section may, but is not required to, refer the insured employer and person to the State Tax Assessor in order that the assessor may take appropriate action, and the insurer enjoys immunity for such actions.

**Sec. 6. Report.** By December 15, 2009, the Workers' Compensation Board and the Department of Labor shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor any recommended changes to the provisions established by this Act and the resources required by the board and the department, if any, for implementation of this Act. After receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 453**

**H.P. 584 - L.D. 849**

**An Act To Clarify the Application of the Public Works Minimum Wage Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1304, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 197, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Public works.** "Public works" includes public schools and all buildings, roads, highways, bridges, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches, sewage disposal plants, demolition, waterworks, airports and all other structures upon which construction may be let to contract by the State and which contract amounts to \$50,000 or more.

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**CHAPTER 454**  
**S.P. 294 - L.D. 767**

**An Act To Promote Fairness and Protect Economic Development in Transportation Projects Undertaken by the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §153-C** is enacted to read:

**§153-C. Acquisition of property identified in transportation planning; new bypass highway project**

**1. Acquisition of property.** If the Department of Transportation prepares an environmental impact statement as required by the federal National Environmental Protection Act of 1969 for permitting for the location of a new bypass highway project and property will be affected by the limits of the final bypass right-of-way and the property owner submits a request in writing to the department that the department acquire that portion of the owner's property determined necessary for the new bypass highway project, the department shall acquire the property determined necessary if:

A. The department has received a least environmentally damaging practicable alternative determination from the United States Army Corps of Engineers that will be incorporated into the environmental impact statement for corridor alignment indicating that certain property will be necessary for the purposes set forth in section 153-B, subsection 1; and

B. The fair market value is determined in accordance with this subchapter.

The request submitted by the property owner under this subsection must be submitted to the department within 9 months of the date that the department receives the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative determination from the United States Army Corps of Engineers under paragraph A.

**2. Deadline for acquisition; extension.** The following provisions govern the deadline for acquisition of property by the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection 1.

A. The department shall acquire affected properties pursuant to this subchapter within 2 years from the date of issuance of the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative determination from the United States Army Corps of Engineers under subsection 1, paragraph A.