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PREFACE

The 2009 edition of the Laws of Maine is the official publication of the Session Laws of the State of Maine enacted by the 124th Legislature and is compiled and published under the authority of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 163-A. The Laws of Maine has been in continuous publication since 1820, when the Acts and Resolves adopted by the First Legislature were published by the Secretary of State under the authority of Resolve 1820, chapter 25.

Volumes 1 and 2 contain the public laws, private and special laws, resolves and constitutional resolutions enacted at the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, followed by the 2007 Revisor's Report, chapter 2, and a selection of significant addresses, joint resolutions and memorials.

Additional volumes of the 2009 Laws of Maine will contain those measures adopted in the Second Regular Session and any special sessions of the 124th Legislature.

The following conventions are used throughout the series.

1. At the top of each page is a heading that classifies each law by session of passage, year, type and chapter number.
2. A table of contents that locates major divisions and contents by page number is located at the beginning of each volume.
3. An individual subject index of the documents contained in these volumes, arranged alphabetically by subject heading with corresponding chapter numbers, is located at the end of volume 2.
4. Session cross-reference tables are also provided at the end of volume 2 showing how unallocated public laws, laws exempted in previous revisions and titles and sections of the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.
5. Words and phrases deleted from the statutes are shown stricken through. When an entire section or larger segment is repealed, the text that is repealed is not shown stricken, but its repeal is indicated by express language.
6. When new words or sections are added to the statutes, they are underlined.
7. A chaptered law's Legislative Document number is printed beneath its chapter number heading, indicating the source of the chapter.
8. The effective date for Maine laws is provided for in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, which specifies that, except for certain emergency legislation, an act or resolve enacted into law takes effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it passed. The general effective date of nonemergency laws passed at the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. The effective dates of emergency legislation vary and are provided at the ends of the chapters that were enacted as emergencies.

Copies of a specific chaptered law may be obtained by contacting the Engrossing Division of this office. The Laws of Maine are also available online through the website of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/ros/lom/lomdirectory.htm>.

This edition of the Laws of Maine and its predecessors have been prepared for the convenience of the people of the State of Maine, and any comments or suggestions for improvements in subsequent editions would be appreciated.

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