

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2011**

the investigation of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation in licensed, certified and registered facilities and programs that care for children and adults; 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 preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §614, sub-§3, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. The division of licensing and regulatory services within the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the investigation of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation in licensed, certified and registered facilities and programs that provide care to children and adults;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect July 1, 2011.

Effective July 1, 2011.

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**CHAPTER 53**

**H.P. 560 - L.D. 753**

**An Act To Establish  
Juneteenth Independence Day**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-F** is enacted to read:

**§150-F. Juneteenth Independence Day**

The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation designating the 3rd Saturday in June as Juneteenth Independence Day to commemorate the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the South by Union General Gordon Granger in 1865, 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

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**CHAPTER 54**

**H.P. 437 - L.D. 554**

**An Act To Amend the  
Telecommunications Education  
Access Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 522, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. Guidelines for funding.** The commission shall allocate money from the fund using the following guidelines:

- A. To ensure a basic level of connectivity for all of the qualified schools and qualified libraries in the State;
- B. To ensure that all qualified schools, qualified libraries and the Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine are capable of using the advanced technology equipment obtained through the fund;
- C. To ensure that more technologically sophisticated equipment is available to students in grades 9 to 12 and in larger qualified libraries in the State;
- D. To provide for necessary equipment to use the services obtained through the fund;
- E. To provide for internal connections necessary to use the services obtained through the fund;
- F. To provide training to teachers so that they may assist and educate their students in the use of the advanced technology equipment;
- G. To provide for the establishment of computer technology training programs in schools to provide training to students in areas such as, but not limited to, electronic commerce, Internet proficiency and World Wide Web-enabled systems; and
- H. To provide for electronic database content to be used for the purposes of accessing information by schools and libraries.

~~A minimum of 25% of each annual program budget must be devoted to targeted projects that are innovative and technologically advanced.~~

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**CHAPTER 55**

**H.P. 541 - L.D. 710**

**An Act To Amend the Laws  
Governing the Duties of the  
Director of the Governor's  
Office of Energy Independence  
and Security**

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