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hearing" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

Sec. O-8. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 137, subchapter 2, in the subchapter headnote, the words "board of speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dealing and fitting" are amended to read "board of speech, audiology and hearing" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

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CHAPTER 287

H.P. 619 - L.D. 823

**An Act To Amend the Law
Governing Tax Increment
Financing Districts**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5223, sub-§3, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 693, §3 and affected by §37, is further amended to read:

D. The aggregate value of municipal general obligation indebtedness financed by the proceeds from tax increment financing districts within any county may not exceed \$50,000,000 adjusted by a factor equal to the percentage change in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, United States City Average from January 1, 1996 to the date of calculation.

(1) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to allocate or apportion the designation of captured assessed value of property within proposed tax increment financing districts to permit compliance with the condition in this paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

(2) The acquisition, construction and installation of all real and personal property improvements, buildings, structures, fixtures and equipment included within the development program and financed through municipal bonded indebtedness must be completed within ~~5~~ 8 years of the commissioner's approval of the designation of the tax increment financing district.

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**CHAPTER 288
S.P. 253 - L.D. 850**

**An Act To Improve the
Protection of Animals**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4019, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 702, §20, is amended to read:

§4019. Removal from unattended motor vehicle

1. Removal authorized. A law enforcement officer, humane agent ~~or~~, animal control officer, firefighter as defined in Title 26, section 2101, first responder as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 13-A or security guard licensed under Title 32, chapter 93, referred to in this section as "authorized persons," may take all steps that are reasonably necessary to remove an animal from a motor vehicle if the animal's safety, health or well-being appears to be in immediate danger from heat, cold or lack of adequate ventilation and the conditions could reasonably be expected to cause extreme suffering or death.

2. Notice required. A law enforcement officer, humane agent or animal control officer who removes an animal in accordance with subsection 1 shall, in a secure and conspicuous location on or within the motor vehicle, leave written notice bearing the officer's or agent's name and office and the address of the location where the animal may be claimed. A firefighter, first responder or security guard who removes an animal in accordance with subsection 1 shall, in a secure and conspicuous location on or within the motor vehicle, leave written notice bearing the person's name and the address of the location where the animal may be claimed. The owner may claim the animal only after payment of all charges that have accrued for the maintenance, care, medical treatment and impoundment of the animal.

3. Immunity. ~~A law enforcement officer, humane agent or animal control officer~~ An authorized person who removes an animal from a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection 1 is immune from criminal or civil liability that might otherwise result from the removal.

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**CHAPTER 289
H.P. 234 - L.D. 290**

**An Act To Amend the Maine
Secure and Fair Enforcement
for Mortgage Licensing Act of
2009**