

# MAINE STATE 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**

**7-A. Geothermal heat pump.** "Geothermal heat pump" means a central heating or central cooling system that pumps heat to or from the ground.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1415-G, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 350, §11, is further amended to read:

**1. Residential construction, remodeling and renovation.** Except as provided in this section, during the construction, remodeling or renovation of a multifamily residential structure, a person may not install electric space heating equipment as the primary heating system if that construction, remodeling or renovation is funded in whole or in part by public funds, guarantees or bond proceeds. For purposes of this section, "multifamily residential structure" means a residential structure with more than one dwelling unit and "electric space heating equipment" does not include electric thermal storage space heating equipment or a geothermal heat pump.

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**CHAPTER 301**

**H.P. 1083 - L.D. 1474**

**An Act To Amend the Beano Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §317, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 74, §2, is further amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police ~~has the power to~~ may adopt rules, not inconsistent with law, that are necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and for the licensing, conduct and operation of the amusement commonly known as "Beano" or "Bingo" and for the permitting and operation of commercial beano halls. The Chief of the State Police ~~has the power and authority to~~ may regulate, supervise and exercise general control over the operation of such amusement and commercial beano halls, including, but not limited to, the payment of prizes and the use of equipment. Any rule adopted by the Chief of the State Police concerning the value of prizes that may be awarded must include a provision that no single prize may exceed \$400 in value and that no more than \$1,400 in total prizes may be awarded on any one occasion except that once per calendar year on one occasion a licensee may award up to \$2,000 in total prizes. In establishing such rules, which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A, the Chief of the State Police must, in addition to the standards set forth in other provisions of this chap-

ter, use the following standards setting forth conduct, conditions and activity considered undesirable:

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**CHAPTER 302**

**H.P. 1130 - L.D. 1538**

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Turnpike Authority and To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Report Concerning the Maine Turnpike Authority**

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

**Whereas,** this legislation makes adjustments to the management and operations of the Maine Turnpike Authority; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary that these changes be implemented as soon as possible to allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to correct prior deficiencies; 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. 5 MRSA §12004-F, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 786, §5, is amended to read:

**4.**

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| Maine Turnpike Authority, <u>Board of Directors</u> | Legislative Per Diem | 23 MRSA § <del>1965</del> <u>1964-A</u> |
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**Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 504, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Cooperation with the Department of Transportation.** ~~The Department of Transportation must be provided each year the operating surplus of the Maine Turnpike Authority. The Maine Turnpike Authority authority may issue bonds or other obligations to pay~~