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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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tions that were eligible to conduct beano games and games of chance.

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
SECTION TOTALS			
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 24, 2013.

CHAPTER 129

H.P. 144 - L.D. 184

An Act To Enhance Transparency in Government by Implementing a Waiting Period for Legislators before They May Register as Lobbyists

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§4, as amended by IB 1995, c. 1, §5, is further amended to read:

4. Lobbyist activities. To administer the lobbyist disclosure laws, Title 3, chapter 15, and enforce the

waiting period required before former Legislators may engage in compensated lobbying as provided by section 1024;

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1024 is enacted to read:

§1024. Waiting period before engaging in lobbying activities

1. Actions precluded. Beginning with the convening of the 127th Legislature, a person who has served as a Legislator may not engage in activities that would require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined by Title 3, section 312-A, subsections 10 and 10-A, respectively, until one year after that person's term as a Legislator ends. This subsection may not be construed to prohibit uncompensated lobbying by a former Legislator during the one-year period following the end of that Legislator's most recent term in office.

2. Complaints and investigations. A person may file a complaint with the commission specifying an alleged violation of this section. The commission staff shall notify the party against whom the complaint has been filed and may undertake the investigation of the alleged violation if directed by the commission. The commission may direct commission staff to undertake an investigation of an alleged violation of this section on its own motion.

3. Penalty. A person who intentionally violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the State and recoverable in a civil action.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 130

H.P. 744 - L.D. 1051

An Act To Clarify the Authority and Responsibility of Forest Rangers

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8901, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 and c. 682, §38, is further amended to read:

2. Powers and duties. Forest rangers and the state supervisor shall:

A. Subject to supervision of the director, supervise the state ~~forest fire~~ wildfire control program, including personnel and facilities of all types;

B. Have the final on-site authority and responsibility for the control of ~~forest fires~~ wildfires;