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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

Whereas, research projects are ongoing at the Maine State Museum; and

Whereas, in order to protect individuals' personally identifiable information, it is imperative that this Act take effect immediately; 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. 27 MRSA §86-B is enacted to read:

§86-B. Confidentiality of certain research and personal information

1. Draft research and materials. Museum draft research, publications and exhibit materials, including scientific, archaeological and historical findings, are confidential and not public records for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1 until complete and presented to the public. The Museum Director may authorize disclosure before publication or presentation to the public.

2. Personal history research and materials. Personal information contained in any record about the individual that is obtained by the Maine State Museum in the course of a historical research project is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1 until:

A. The individual authorizes the release of the personal information as a public record; or

B. The death of the individual, except that the Museum Director may, at the request of the individual, designate in writing that personal information about the individual remain confidential for a specified period, not to exceed 25 years after the death of the individual, to protect the privacy of the individual or the privacy of the parent or child of the individual.

For the purposes of this section, "personal information" means any information about an individual's personal history, including, but not limited to, medical, psychiatric, employment, counseling and other information of a personal or private nature.

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

Effective June 5, 2013.

CHAPTER 206

H.P. 405 - L.D. 586

**An Act To Enable
Municipalities To Establish
Business Development Loan
Programs Using Municipally
Raised or Appropriated Money**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5726, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 78, §2, is amended to read:

13. Elderly housing. Provide municipally owned rental housing for the elderly; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5726, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 78, §2, is amended to read:

14. Affordable housing. Facilitate affordable housing; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5726, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Job creation and retention. Establish revolving loan fund programs to assist in job creation and retention for local for-profit and nonprofit enterprises if approved by a municipal referendum election pursuant to sections 2528, 2529 and 2532, even if the municipality or plantation has not accepted the provisions of section 2528.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 207

S.P. 457 - L.D. 1318

**An Act To Clarify the Law
Regarding Advertising Signs
outside Premises Licensed To
Sell Alcohol**

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §710, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §69, is further amended to read:

1. Advertising outside of licensed premises. A person, except wholesale licensees and certificate of approval holders, may not advertise or permit to be