

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**  
**2014**

Maintenance, Construction and Acquisition Account of the Military Bureau established under section 154.

**Sec. 5. 37-B MRSA §353**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 488, §4 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**§353. Tuition grant for member**

A member who meets the prerequisites of section 354 is entitled to a tuition benefit that may not exceed tuition costs incurred at any state postsecondary education institution. A member who attends classes in Maine at a regionally accredited private Maine college or university is entitled to a tuition benefit that may not exceed the tuition costs incurred at that private college or university or a tuition benefit not to exceed tuition assessed for a similar degree program at any state postsecondary education institution, whichever is less. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Maine National Guard shall use federal funds; state general funds not to exceed \$5,000 in any fiscal year; or state funds from the Armory Rental Fund as established in section 152, the Capital Repair, Maintenance, Construction and Acquisition Account as established in section 154 or the reimbursement fund as established in section 155 or from revenue generated by the Maine Military Authority to pay tuition benefits.

**Sec. 6. 37-B MRSA §399, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 251, §4, is amended to read:

**1. Capital repairs; tuition assistance.** An account established within the Military Bureau to be used for capital repairs ~~and~~, maintenance, construction and acquisition of state military facilities and Maine National Guard tuition assistance;

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**CHAPTER 470**

**H.P. 1213 - L.D. 1690**

**An Act Concerning  
Confidential Records Received  
by the Commission on  
Governmental Ethics and  
Election Practices**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 571, §6, is amended to read:

**3-A. Confidential records.** Investigative working papers of the commission are confidential ~~and may not be disclosed to any person except the members and staff of the commission, except that the commission may disclose them to~~ the subject of the audit or investigation, other entities as necessary for the conduct of an audit or investigation and law enforcement and

other agencies for purposes of reporting, investigating or prosecuting a criminal or civil violation. For purposes of this subsection, "investigative working papers" means documents, records and other printed or electronic information in the following limited categories that are acquired, prepared or maintained by the commission during the conduct of an audit, investigation or ~~audit~~ other enforcement matter:

A. Financial information not normally available to the public;

B. ~~Information belonging to a party committee, political action committee, ballot question committee, candidate or candidate's authorized committee that, if disclosed, would reveal sensitive political or campaign information belonging to a party committee, political action committee, ballot question committee, candidate or candidate's political committee, or other person who is the subject of an audit, investigation or other enforcement matter, even if the information is in the possession of a vendor or 3rd party;~~

C. Information or records subject to a privilege against discovery or use as evidence; and

D. Intra-agency or interagency communications related to an audit or investigation, including any record of an interview, meeting or examination.

The commission may disclose investigative working papers or discuss them at a public meeting, except for the information or records subject to a privilege against discovery or use as evidence, ~~in a final audit or investigation report or determination~~ if the information or record is materially relevant to a finding of fact ~~or~~, violation or other decision by the commission concerning an audit, investigation or other enforcement matter.

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**CHAPTER 471**

**H.P. 1220 - L.D. 1696**

**An Act To Clarify That  
Veterans Who Served in Iraq  
and Afghanistan Qualify for  
the Veterans' Property Tax  
Exemption**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. PPPP, §1, is further amended to read:

C. The estates up to the just value of \$6,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, of