

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry, in consultation with the department, shall annually review standards for timber harvesting activities adopted by the Bureau of Forestry to ensure that the standards afford a level of protection consistent with the goals of this article and the goals of Title 12, chapter 805, subchapter 3-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 571**

**H.P. 1281 - L.D. 1789**

**An Act To Modernize and Improve the Efficiency of Maine's Courts**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSAs §1610-G** is enacted to read:

**§1610-G. Additional securities; judicial branch**

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 outstanding at any one time for paying the costs associated with planning, purchasing, customizing and implementing a case management, data storage and electronic filing system for the Supreme Judicial Court, Superior Court and District Court, including the violations bureau.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, or the chief justice's designee, shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters during the first regular session of the Legislature following the initial issuance of securities to fund a case management, data storage and electronic filing system for the judicial branch pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1610-G. The report must summarize the progress made on implementing the system, the system's usefulness and efficiencies realized within the judicial branch resulting from implementing the system.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 572**

**H.P. 1355 - L.D. 1861**

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create an Animal and Plant Disease and Insect Control Facility Administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service**

**Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this Act,

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

**Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

**Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

**Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

**Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

**Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.