

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**August 29, 2013**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 8, 2014 to May 2, 2014**

**THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**EMERGENCY LAW IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**AUGUST 1, 2014**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2014**

GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$42,045
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$42,045

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Recognizes savings from managing vacancies.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$0	(\$42,045)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$42,045)

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
	\$0	(\$42,045)

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$42,045)
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SECTION TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0

SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0
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See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 585**

**H.P. 1242 - L.D. 1734**

**An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Unit in the Department of the Attorney General**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-J** is enacted to read:

**§200-J. Cold case homicide unit**

The Attorney General in collaboration with the Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish a cold

case homicide unit within the Department of the Attorney General to work exclusively on unsolved murders in the State. The unit must consist of personnel from the Department of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and must include at a minimum one attorney from the Department of the Attorney General, 2 detectives from the Bureau of State Police and one employee of the bureau's crime laboratory. The Attorney General shall adopt rules for the operation of the unit. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1505-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. XXXX, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. Federal funding; cold case homicide unit.** The Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General shall pursue any federal funding available in order to establish a cold case homicide unit within the Department of the Attorney General as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 200-J.

**Sec. 4. Contingent effective date.** Those sections of this Act that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 200-J and repeal Title 25, section 1505-A do not take effect unless sufficient federal funding becomes available to support the costs of the cold case homicide unit. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall notify the Secretary of State and the Revisor of Statutes when sufficient federal funding is available.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 586**

**H.P. 1280 - L.D. 1788**

**An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015**

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

**Whereas**, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and