

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.

Augusta, Maine
2014

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 590

S.P. 659 - L.D. 1664

An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5125, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Charitable contributions. The following amounts in excess of the limitation on itemized deductions under subsection 4 may be claimed:

A. For tax years beginning in 2016, charitable contributions included in federal itemized deductions up to \$18,000; and

B. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, the amount of charitable contributions included in federal itemized deductions.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 591

H.P. 1202 - L.D. 1679

An Act To Appropriate Funds for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Code Enforcement Officer Training, Increased Enforcement of Tax Collection, Water Quality Control, Clinical Staff at the Maine State Prison and HIV Prevention Education

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

Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development to report on code enforcement officer training and certification. By February 15, 2015, the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters on the use of funds appropriated to support the long-term stability of the code enforcement officer training and certification program, as well as the total number of code enforcement officers trained and certified by the department. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters is authorized to report out a bill on the subject matter of this section to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

Sec. 2. Transfer from Gambling Control Board Other Special Revenue Funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$418,021 no later than August 1, 2014 from the Gambling Control Board, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF Criminal Justice Academy 0290

Initiative: Provides funding to maintain the operation of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Provides funding for one Senior Tax Examiner position and 2 Tax Examiner positions in order to increase Maine Revenue Services' levy capability and address an extensive inventory of collection cases.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$205,652
All Other	\$0	\$21,807
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$227,459

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$227,459
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$227,459

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286**

Initiative: Provides 3 months of funding for contracted clinical staff to staff a mental health unit at the Maine State Prison.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$829,062
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$829,062

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$829,062
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$829,062

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**Community Development Block Grant Program 0587**

Initiative: Provides ongoing support for the code enforcement officer training and certification program.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$30,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$30,000

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**Maine HIV Prevention Education Program N166**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for HIV prevention training and education to partially offset the loss of federal grant funds as of August 31, 2013. Funding will be used to provide training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers as well as training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$150,000

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$150,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$150,000

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**Land and Water Quality 0248**

Initiative: Provides increased ongoing funding starting in fiscal year 2014-15 of \$46,500 for the purpose of supporting the Maine Lakes Society in its implementation of the LakeSmart program, \$15,000 for the purpose of managing and analyzing the data gathered by

the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program and \$10,000 for the purpose of supporting the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee in its development and implementation of water pollution control, water quality protection and other environmental training programs.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$71,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$71,500
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$71,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$71,500
SECTION TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,308,021
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,308,021

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 592 S.P. 675 - L.D. 1709

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Growth of and To Build Infrastructure for the Marine Sector of the State's Economy

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:

PART A

Sec. A-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

\$7,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. 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. A-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. A-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 Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

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

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

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Technology Institute

Provides funds to facilitate the growth of marine businesses and commercial enterprises that create jobs and improve the sustainability of the State's marine economy and related industries through capital investments, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development in consultation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Maine Technology Institute, to be matched by at least \$7,000,000 in private and other funds.

Total	\$7,000,000
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Sec. A-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not become effective