

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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victims of sex trafficking through the Victims' Compensation Fund; and

Whereas, Public Law 2013, chapter 537 does not correctly impose an assessment for the Victims' Compensation Fund on persons engaging a prostitute, but instead imposes the assessment on victims of sex trafficking; and

Whereas, this error needs to be corrected as soon as possible; 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. 5 MRSA §3360-I, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 537, §4, is further amended to read:

As part of the sentence or fine imposed, the court shall impose an assessment of \$35 on any person convicted of murder, a Class A crime, a Class B crime or a Class C crime and \$20 on any person convicted of a Class D crime or a Class E crime, except that the court shall impose an assessment of \$1,000 on any person convicted of aggravated sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852, an assessment of \$500 on any person convicted of sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 853, an assessment of \$500 on any person for the first conviction and \$1,000 for each subsequent conviction of engaging ~~in prostitution a prostitute~~ as described in Title 17-A, section ~~853-A~~ **853-B** and an assessment of \$500 on any person for the first conviction and \$1,000 for each subsequent conviction of patronizing prostitution of a minor or patronizing prostitution of a mentally disabled person as described in Title 17-A, section 855. Notwithstanding any other law, the court may not waive the imposition of the assessment required by this section. For purposes of collection and collection procedures, this assessment is considered part of the fine. At the time of commitment, the court shall inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of any unpaid balances on assessments owed by the offender to the Victims' Compensation Fund. All funds collected as a result of these assessments accrue to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

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

Effective May 12, 2014.

CHAPTER 608

H.P. 1360 - L.D. 1865

An Act To Clarify the Specific Purposes of Recently Enacted Legislation Authorizing the Issuance of a General Fund Bond

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

Sec. 1. PL 2013, c. 572, §5 is amended to read:

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.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service

~~Provides funds to assist support~~ Provides funds to support Maine agriculture ~~and to protect Maine farms, facilitate economic growth in natural resources-based industries and monitor human health threats related to ticks, mosquitoes and bedbugs~~ through the creation of an animal and plant disease and insect control ~~facility~~ laboratory administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service.

Total \$8,000,000

Sec. 2. PL 2013, c. 572, §9 is amended to read:

Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor an \$8,000,000 bond issue to ~~provide funds to assist support~~ support Maine agriculture ~~and to protect Maine farms, facilitate economic growth in natural resources-based industries and monitor human health threats related to ticks, mosquitoes and bedbugs~~ through the creation of an animal and plant disease and insect control ~~facility~~ laboratory administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service?"

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.

See title page for effective date.
