

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
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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**

**CHAPTER 23  
S.P. 714 - L.D. 1790**

**An Act To Designate Maine  
State Housing Authority To  
Receive Funds from the  
National Housing Trust Fund**

**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 Maine State Housing Authority is being designated by this legislation as the entity to receive and allocate funds from the National Housing Trust Fund established by the federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008; and

**Whereas,** it is possible that funds from the National Housing Trust Fund will be available before the general effective date of legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and

**Whereas,** it is in the State's best interest to have the Maine State Housing Authority designated as the entity to receive and allocate these funds as soon as possible so that when the funds are available there will be an entity to receive the funds; 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. State designee for National Housing Trust Fund.** The Maine State Housing Authority is designated as the entity to receive and allocate funds from the National Housing Trust Fund established by the federal Housing and Economic Act of 2008.

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

Effective March 22, 2014.

**CHAPTER 24  
S.P. 635 - L.D. 1644**

**An Act To Allow the City of  
Saco To Stabilize the Coastline  
and Coastal Sand Dune System  
Adjacent to the Saco River**

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

**Sec. 1. Stabilization measures for coastline and coastal sand dune system adjacent to Saco River.** Prior to completion of a River and Harbor Act of 1968, Section 111 project for prevention or mitigation of shore damages for the Saco River and Camp Ellis Beach by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Saco, the following provisions apply to protection, rehabilitation, maintenance and nourishment activities along the coastline and within the coastal sand dune system and waterways of the Saco River Harbor area, the Saco River Federal Navigation Project area, the Camp Ellis Beach area and the Ferry Beach area.

1. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 480-C, a permit is not required of the City of Saco for the following activities:

A. Maintenance of the portions of Camp Ellis Beach having armor stone, but only to the geographic extent they existed on January 1, 2014, to an elevation 3 feet above the adjacent roadways or surrounding upland topography. Armor stone may be replaced and rocks may be restacked as necessary to maintain that elevation. Extension to the north of the portions of Camp Ellis Beach having armor stone existing on January 1, 2014 is not authorized under this paragraph; and

B. Maintenance, replacement and installation of sand-filled geosynthetic or similar structures north of the portions of Camp Ellis Beach having armor stone, so long as the structures are within the footprint of existing roadways or infrastructure areas and not in natural frontal dune areas. If the Department of Environmental Protection grants prior written approval, the City of Saco may install the structures in areas adjacent to municipal infrastructure where the natural frontal dune area is completely eroded by one or more storm events and the structures are intended to protect and preserve that infrastructure.

Any measures taken pursuant to this subsection must to the maximum extent practicable avoid disturbance of and retain dune grass and other native vegetation. Any areas where disturbance of dune grass and other native vegetation cannot be avoided must, to the maximum extent practicable, be replaced or revegetated following completion of the measures.

Prior to the commencement of any activity exempted from the permitting requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 480-C by this subsection, the City of Saco shall provide the Department of Environmental Protection with written notice of the proposed activity.

2. The City of Saco may file an application with the Department of Environmental Protection for an