

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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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**  
**2013**

OTHER SPECIAL	\$500	\$500
REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

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**CHAPTER 30**

**H.P. 449 - L.D. 657**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Review, Clarify and Update Its Rules Pertaining to the Maple Syrup Industry**

**Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall review, clarify and update its rules relating to the licensing of maple syrup processors; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 15, 2013, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall report on the results of the review, clarification and updating of the rules relating to the licensing of maple syrup processors under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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**CHAPTER 31**

**S.P. 344 - L.D. 999**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Seek Funding To Complete a Design and Engineering Assessment for the Extension of Passenger Rail Service from Portland North on the State-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Corridor**

**Sec. 1. Completion of the existing environmental assessment. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall seek funding to complete and update the existing environmental assessment for the project for the extension of passenger rail service from Portland north if an update of this assessment still meets requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 United States Code, Chapter 55 or to conduct a new assessment to determine whether restoration of the rail line for passenger rail service, which is the subject of the existing assessment, with appropriate mitigation measures

would have a significant impact on the human and natural environment; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Completion of the construction costs and engineering analysis for track and related improvements. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall seek funding to complete the cost and feasibility study necessary to fund restoration of the state-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic railway corridor for passenger rail service, consistent with the department's "Portland North Alternative Modes Transportation Project" study, including calculations of appropriate costs of track, signals and bridge improvements associated with rail; highway improvements at highway-rail grade crossings; and warning system upgrades, control signals, new rail and required sidings.

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**CHAPTER 32**

**S.P. 508 - L.D. 1414**

**Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory**

**Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved:** That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.

1. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks, in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.

2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked with the earliest date is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before April 1, 2014.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from