

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**  
**2015**

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10953, sub-§1-C** is enacted to read:

**1-C. Hunting with a crossbow; 70 years of age or older.** A person 70 years of age or older may hunt a wild bird or a wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that wild bird or wild animal, subject to this Part. A person 70 years of age or older may hunt deer with a crossbow during a regular archery-only season established under section 11403 or in an expanded archery zone or during the muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season established under section 11404.

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

Effective April 30, 2015.

**CHAPTER 43  
S.P. 176 - L.D. 447**

**An Act To Repeal Outdated  
Statutory Sections Relating to  
Regional Ride Share Programs**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 216**, as amended, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 44  
H.P. 334 - L.D. 495**

**An Act To Make Minor  
Nonsubstantive Changes to the  
Laws Affecting the Office of  
the State Auditor**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §163, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 377, §2 and affected by §17, is further amended to read:

**1. District Court funds.** Except as otherwise provided by law, all fines, forfeitures, surcharges, assessments and fees collected in any division of the District Court or by the violations bureau must be paid to the clerk of that District Court, who shall deposit them in a special account in a timely manner. Once each month, the clerk shall remit the sums to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit them to the General Fund. At the same time, the clerk shall remit the sums that have been collected in accordance with sec-

tion 1057; Title 5, chapter 316-A; Title 7, section 3910-A; Title 17, section 1015; Title 29-A, section 2411, subsection 7; former Title 34-A, section 1210-A, subsection 9; and Title 34-A, section 1210-B, subsection 6. Funds received by the clerk as bail in criminal cases must be deposited daily in a special account. The clerk shall deposit the funds in an interest-bearing account unless the clerk determines that it is not cost-effective to do so. Interest accrued in the account is the property of and accrues to the State. The forfeiture and setoff of bail is governed as otherwise provided by law.

~~The court shall file a monthly report with the State Auditor itemizing the amount of fines, surcharges and assessments imposed and to whom each is payable.~~

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §554**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 132, §3, is further amended to read:

**§554. Accounting by clerks**

Clerks of judicial courts shall account monthly ~~under oath to the State Auditor~~ for all fees received by them or payable to them by virtue of their office, except those portions of fees collected for passports and naturalization proceedings that are payable to the Federal Government, specify the items and pay the whole amount of the same to the Treasurer of State at such times and in such manner as the Chief Justice of the Superior Court or the Chief Justice's designee ~~shall~~ from time to time ~~specify~~ **specifies**.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §241, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 516, §1, is amended to read:

If a person elected to the office of State Auditor is not qualified as, or has not successfully completed or passed the examination for, a certified public accountant, ~~public accountant~~ **certified information systems auditor** or certified internal auditor at the time of election and fails to become so qualified within 9 months of being sworn into office, as required by section 242, that person may no longer serve as State Auditor and is ineligible for reelection by the same Legislature and the office of State Auditor is deemed vacant.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §242, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 16, §2, is further amended to read:

Any person elected to the position of State Auditor or any person permanently employed by the Office of the State Auditor as deputy auditor, director of audits or assistant director of audits must be currently qualified as or have successfully completed or passed the examination for a certified public accountant, ~~public accountant~~ **certified information systems auditor** or certified internal auditor. Persons not so qualified may be employed in these audit supervisory positions on a temporary basis not to exceed 9 months.

**Sec. 5. 15 MRSA §1943**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §108 and PL 2013, c. 16, §10, is further amended to read: