

# 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**

determine how the council is to choose a chair and for how long the chair is to serve.

**5. Report.** The council shall report on its deliberations and any recommendations by March 1st of each odd-numbered year to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and health and human services matters. The report must include the following:

A. An assessment of the level of public transportation services provided to the public;

B. Recommendations for the level of service that should be provided and an estimate of the cost of providing those services; and

C. Recommendations for the optimal coordination of transit services with other senior and veteran services.

**Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §3515, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

A. The directors of a district that participates in a locally coordinated plan for regional operations ~~plan~~ transit that has been approved in accordance with Title 23, section 4209, shall establish routes and fixed fares in accordance with the plan whenever the plan requires.

**Sec. 10. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4209-A, subsection 4, the Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the initial appointments of public members of the Public Transit Advisory Council under Title 23, section 4209-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) to (3) for a one-year term, the appointments under Title 23, section 4209-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraphs (4) to (6) for a 2-year term and any other appointments for a 3-year term.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 183

### H.P. 361 - L.D. 537

#### **An Act To Avoid the Inappropriate Use of Assessment Tools on Children before Grade 3**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4252, sub-§§7 and 8**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 548, §5, are amended to read:

**7. Transition.** Facilitate the transition of children from preschool programs to public school programs; ~~and~~

**8. Family outreach.** Provide family outreach and support programs designed to improve parent-school relations and parenting skills; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4252, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Early childhood statewide assessments.** The use of early childhood statewide assessment tools pursuant to chapter 222 to inform instruction and to communicate effectively with parents. An early childhood statewide assessment must avoid inappropriate use of assessment information; specifically, the assessment may not result in labeling children, restricting kindergarten entry or predicting children's future academic and life success.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 184

### H.P. 350 - L.D. 511

#### **An Act To Permit a Licensed Sales Representative To Provide Spirits at an Approved Tasting Event**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Taste testing on agency liquor store premises.** Subject to the conditions in subsection 2, the bureau may authorize an agency liquor store stocking at least 200 different codes of distilled spirits products to conduct taste testing of distilled spirits on that licensee's premises. An agency liquor store may request authority to conduct a taste testing using forms prescribed by the bureau. The request must indicate if a sales representative licensed under section 1502 will be providing the spirits for taste testing and verification that the sales representative has successfully completed an alcohol server education course approved by the commissioner. Any other consumption of alcoholic beverages on an agency liquor store's premises is prohibited, except as permitted under section 1205 or 1207.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶M**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶M-1** is enacted to read:

M-1. Distilled spirits served at a taste testing must be provided by the agency liquor store or