

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 3, 2014 to July 16, 2015**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2015**

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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**

Oxford	1,247,937
Penobscot	1,033,537
Piscataquis	1,008,711
Somerset	1,463,162
Washington	870,612
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TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$8,104,989
COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND	
Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$2,800,000
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TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$24,973,837
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$24,973,837
Less Deductions:	
General -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$0
Homestead Reimbursement	93,945
Miscellaneous Revenues	16,000
Transfer from unassigned fund balance	2,400,000
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TOTAL GENERAL DEDUCTIONS	\$2,509,945
Educational -	
Land Reserved Trust	\$70,000
Tuition/Travel	124,516
United States Forestry Payment in Lieu of Taxes	15,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	208,801
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TOTAL EDUCATION DEDUCTIONS	\$418,317
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$2,928,262
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TAX ASSESSMENT	\$22,045,575

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

Effective June 16, 2015.

**CHAPTER 198  
H.P. 222 - L.D. 328**

**An Act To Allow Personal  
Representatives of Children  
Access to Certain Documents  
of the Department of Health  
and Human Services  
Regarding Child Protective  
Activities**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶J,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 140, §6, is further amended to read:

J. A person making a report of suspected abuse or neglect. The department may only disclose that it has not accepted the report for investigation, unless other disclosure provisions of this section apply; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶K,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 140, §7 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

K. The local animal control officer or the animal welfare program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry established pursuant to Title 7, section 3902 when there is a reasonable suspicion of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect. For purposes of this paragraph, "cruelty, abuse or neglect" has the same meaning as provided in Title 34-B, section 1901, subsection 1, paragraph B-; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶L** is enacted to read:

L. The personal representative of the estate of a child named in a record who is reported to be abused or neglected.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 199  
H.P. 450 - L.D. 669**

**An Act To Create a Spat  
Collection License**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6074-A** is enacted to read:

**§6074-A. Spat collection license**

**1. Definition.** As used in this section, "spat" means sea scallops, *Placopectin magellanicus*, or blue