

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2015**

**CHAPTER 205**  
**H.P. 808 - L.D. 1176**

**An Act To Prohibit the Sale  
and Possession of Powdered  
Alcohol in the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2089** is enacted to read:

**§2089. Powdered alcohol**

**1. Possession and use prohibited.** A person may not possess or use alcohol in a powdered or crystalline form.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$500 must be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been previously adjudicated as violating this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$3,000 must be adjudged.

**2. Selling or furnishing prohibited.** A person may not sell, furnish or give away or offer for sale or offer to furnish or give away alcohol in a powdered or crystalline form.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 must be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been previously adjudicated as violating this subsection commits a Class E crime for which a fine of not less than \$1,000 and, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1301, not more than \$5,000 must be imposed. In addition to a fine imposed under this subsection, if the person is a licensee under chapter 19, 43, 45, 51 or 55, the court may suspend that person's license for up to one year in accordance with chapter 33. A violation under this paragraph is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 206**  
**H.P. 898 - L.D. 1320**

**An Act To Amend the Laws  
Relating to Motor Vehicles**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§55**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**55. Pickup truck.** "Pickup truck" means a truck with a registered gross vehicle weight of ~~6,000~~ 10,000 pounds or less.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 435, §1, is further amended to read:

**3-A. Restrictions.** The Secretary of State, ~~in the Secretary of State's discretion~~, may refuse to issue or may recall a ~~vanity~~ plate issued under this section that:

~~A. Consists of or comprises language that is obscene, contemptuous, profane or prejudicial;~~

~~B. Promotes abusive or unlawful activity;~~

C. Falsely suggests an association with public institutions; ~~or~~

D. Is duplicative; ~~or~~

E. The Secretary of State finds consists of language that encourages violence or may result in an act of violence or other unlawful activity because of the content of the language requested by the registrant.

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §457, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §19, is further amended to read:

**7. Registration fee.** The fee for registration of ~~an antique auto~~, a horseless carriage or antique motorcycle is \$15. The fee for registration of a street rod or antique auto is \$30.

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §6, is further amended to read:

**1. Automobiles; pickup trucks.** The fee for an automobile, a pickup truck registered for 6,000 pounds or less or a sport utility vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers or interchangeably for passengers or property is \$35. The fee for a pickup truck registered for more than 6,000 pounds but no more than 10,000 pounds is \$37.

An automobile or sport utility vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers or property is a "combination" vehicle and may be issued a special plate with the word "combination" instead of "Vacationland." A passenger vehicle used under contract with the State, a municipality or a school district to transport students must be designated as "combination." A vehicle owned or operated by parents or legal guardians is exempt from this subsection.

Commercial plates may not be issued for or displayed on an automobile.