

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12458, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Webster Stream.** Between August 16th and September 30th annually, there is a daily bag limit of one brook trout for Webster Stream in Piscataquis County from the Telos Lake dam downstream to Webster Lake.

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

Effective June 22, 2015.

## CHAPTER 235

H.P. 289 - L.D. 422

### An Act To Improve Access to Treatments for Lyme Disease

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3282-B** is enacted to read:

#### **§3282-B. Lyme disease treatment**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Long-term antibiotic therapy" means the administration of oral, intramuscular or intravenous antibiotics, singly or in combination, for a period of time in excess of 4 weeks.

B. "Lyme disease" means:

(1) The presence of signs or symptoms compatible with acute infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*;

(2) Late stage, persistent or chronic infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*;

(3) Complications related to an infection under subparagraph (1) or (2); or

(4) The presence of signs or symptoms compatible with acute infection or late stage, persistent or chronic infection with other strains of *Borrelia* that are identified or recognized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a cause of disease.

"Lyme disease" includes an infection that meets the surveillance criteria for Lyme disease established by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease that does not meet the surveillance criteria for Lyme disease set by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but presents other acute and chronic signs or symptoms of Lyme disease as determined by a patient's treating physician.

**2. Lyme disease treatment.** A physician licensed under this chapter may prescribe, administer or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic purpose to eliminate infection or to control a patient's symptoms upon making a clinical diagnosis that the patient has Lyme disease or displays symptoms consistent with a clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease. The physician shall document the clinical diagnosis and treatment in the patient's medical record. The clinical diagnosis must be based on knowledge obtained through medical history and physical examination only or in conjunction with testing that provides supportive data for the clinical diagnosis.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 236

H.P. 374 - L.D. 550

### An Act To Improve the Process for Obtaining an Adjustment in State Valuation Due to Sudden and Severe Reduction in Municipal Valuation

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the value of property within a municipality has a great effect on the calculation of the municipality's required contribution for funding local schools; and

**Whereas,** the sudden closure of businesses has a severe effect on municipal property valuations that is not currently accounted for in the calculation of general purpose aid for local schools; and

**Whereas,** immediate relief is necessary to ensure municipalities with sudden and severe impacts upon property valuations are able to preserve adequate funding for education; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preserva-